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Harpoot, February 1900.

The Lord has safely led us through one half of the school-year.

We had several interesting gatherings before the girls separated for the holiday vacation. One unique service was the Union Christian Endeavor Meeting led by Mr. Huntington. The three societies in the girls' school and the two in the boys' met to report on the work of the term. The chapel was well filled as many who were not members wished to attend. One from each committee had prepared a written report. It was a little hard for some of the girls to read as this was the first gathering of its kind in Harpoot, but I was satisfied with their lady-like and modest appearance. We have many of the committees that Societies in America have; with a few additions, as Happiness Giving, Good News, Sympathetic, Truthfulness and Correspondence. Last year, the societies in the girls' school raised seven liras ($30.80). Five liras were sent to Africa and two liras were used for work in this country. That sum represents much effort and self-sacrifice. The girls have very interesting missionary meetings. The meeting to-day is about the "Islands of the Sea." The translated articles and scrap-books are kept for reference. I think that the result of the Union Meeting was a stronger desire to work for the Lord.

Another cause for gratitude was our Christmas. The teachers, American and native, had planned to give each pupil in the upper schools a present and to have refreshments for the younger ones. It was laid upon the heart of one of the teachers to suggest that we give up our Christmas treat. This the teachers voted in their prayer-meeting. Then the pupils of each school were asked. It was unanimously voted to use the money for the poor. Some children put up two hands in voting!!

A few days later, a special service for giving was held. The boarders and orphans denied themselves meats so that they might have more to give. Much food as well as money was given. More than [illegible] was given by the girls; this sum includes the Christmas treat, the money given at the special service and the contents of their "Thanksgiving Box." A committee had been formed to find out the poor families in the city.

On Christmas morning the children from these homes were gathered for a good time. Games were played, refreshments were served. They listened to a Christmas talk and were made happy by being presented with a bag of food to take home. I know that many hearts felt the true Christmas spirit; and one pupil said it blessed to give.

How was Christmas celebrated in the school?

One afternoon, the regular school-work
[illegible] and the teachers of each departm
with the American teachers, gave several hom
games and songs. Everyone was fully a
happy as if she had received several presents
term opened. We have registered four hundred a
fifty eight pupils. One of our oldest and mo
experienced teachers has just been engaged; a
soon will leave us for America. The husband of a
teacher wishes her to go to America. A third tea
is sick at home; her father fears that she has a tend
to consumption. The Lord has always made th
way clear, and He will lead us now. Our lectu
[illegible] Economy are proving very popular. Th
Lessons in Cutting, Machine Sewing, Starching a
Ironing begin this week.

Quite enthusiastic over their preparations for their
work. We find that thirty-one of our graduates and
are teaching outside of the College. We have prepared
prayer-lists, and pray for these girls and their s
in order.

Just now there seems much spiritual inte
in many places. In one village, Gregorians a
studying the Bible. The pastor has sold all that
has, and sent to the city for a new supply
Another village, there is a temperance movemen
among the young men. In another village, a
preacher has resigned his stated salary, beca
he felt that it was not given to the Lord, and
only what is given lovingly and willingly. In an
village, where the people turned Moslem at the
"Christ" and "Lord's Communion" h
been held since, the church has been re-
Some of the former members have been re-adm
Some than been dropped, and new ones ha
been accepted. Sunday, in talking with
College girls, I was delighted to see that in a
hearts there were new desires and a deeper
love for the Lord. These are but drops of
blessing, but we ask you to pray that they
may be showers of blessing.

Yours, in His Name,

Mary L. Daniels

Miss Mary L. Daniels

MAY 25 1900

Harpoot, March 1, 1900

Dear Dr. Barton:

I have just written a general letter about the school, and I send a copy to you.

Since school opened in January for the new term, we have lost two teachers. One, the niece of Prof. Melcone, is married to-day. The other is Bah. Geragos'

daughter. She is at home quite sick, the Father fears consumption. We have been able to make changes in the teaching force and the work goes on.

Some of the older girls are enjoying Amos Wells' course in Bible Marking.

Sunday, I began to translate "In His Steps" to the boarders.

During February we had only two fair days. This first day of

March is raw & cold.

Nearly every one in the station has suffered from colds - but all are better to-day.

Please give much to Mrs. Brunton. It is a long time since I heard from her.

Sincerely -

Mary L. Daniels

March 2 -

Since writing the above, the mail has arrived. Thanks for your letter.

Br. Melcrone Bennion is married to-day.

Miss Mary L. Daniels

Harpoot, Sept. 12. 1900

Dear Dr. Barton.

I send you a copy of our school report. I did not put in any statistics. The number of girls registered was four hundred and eighty six; of these, two hundred were orphans. Board was less than six liras, for each girl.

More than half of the teachers for the new year are inexperienced. They have no methods to change and are enthusiastic. The programs are ready, the teachers are preparing their work; and we are waiting for the scarlet fever to abate.

It is a constant marvel to me that, with so many changes,

Miss Mary E. Daniels

We have been able to constantly
raise the standard of the College.

I think that many new
boarders are coming to us.
I like to have good village
girls in the school. They make
the best workers.

I feel more strongly than
ever that our girls must be
prepared for <u>work</u>. The girls
love their school and their
lessons. Sometimes they love
the school so deeply that they
are not willing to go out
and teach. It has been laid
on my heart for this year to
pray and work that our
girls may love Him and His
work and be eager to go out
for Him, when He calls.

The prospect of a new school
building fills all hearts with
joy. We are in sad need of

funds, however. I wonder if the Woman's Board can make an appropriation.

I feel sure that the Lord wanted me in Harpoot this year and so I stayed. It is not always easy - but He is leading and I feel sure that a blessing will come to the school.

I want this year to be the best year - full of His presence and blessing - from the first day. Pray for us.

With love to Mrs. Barton -

Sincerely -

Mary L. Daniels

JAN 19 1901

It seems only a few days since school opened and now it is almost Christmas.

Early in November, we welcomed Dr. and Mrs. Barnum and Miss Platt. Miss Barnum was detained in Warsovan on account of ill-health. Last week, word came that she must not teach for several months so she will spend the winter in Warsovan. Miss Platt is a great comfort. She has already begun work in the Kindergarten.

There has been a great longing and hunger in the hearts of the missionaries for a blessing. Day by day, the longing has increased. Three weeks ago, we began to hold a daily meeting for prayer at noon. The girls are in a very receptive frame of mind. The Word takes hold of them as never before. I have a Sunday School class composed of all the College girls, who are not really to teach. In it, are girls who come from Gregorian homes; others have Christian parents. All are careless; several are not Christians.

The subjects of our lessons have come home to the girls. After the lesson, girls often remain to ask "May I talk with you?" A week ago, a girl stayed who has been proud and hard to manage. Her mother was a beautiful woman, in features, who married a weak-minded man for his property. The home influences have been anything but helpful. Amagel's mind was full of doubts and questions. The Spirit led her into the Light and she yielded to Him.

Anna is another of my girls. To her, the Lord has given latheness and a disfigured face. Her sorrows had hardened her heart. Last Sunday, I noticed that she sat down right in front of me and kept her eyes fixed on my face. Later, she wished to talk with me. I felt sure that she has given herself to the Lord. Other times when I have talked with her, she would not pray, but now she is very different.

The atmosphere in the Boarding Department has changed. The girls gather in little groups to read, talk and pray.

It gives great joy to see the change in the lives of those for whom we have prayed and labored for years. It makes me very happy to have the girls come to me and say "Mother we have come to share our joy with you. Such and such a girl has given herself to the Lord."

I am sure that I never loved the girls as I do now. I never so longed for their salvation, and I was never happier in my work. I feel that the Lord has given me a great opportunity. I just want "to spend" for these dear girls. It just seems as if I must see these saved. Pray for them and for their teachers.

Once in two weeks we have a meeting for the deepening of the Spiritual life. Week by week the number of those who attend has increased. The Seniors and younger teachers, although Christians, are not consecrated, do not realize the worth of a soul. Oh do pray for them.

The work goes on as usual. The girls are quiet but I know the Spirit is in our midst and is working in hearts.

Mr. Irwine and Miss Bush are in Diabekir. The church here was in a sad condition. There were quarels and quarrels, but there has been reconciliations and now a spirit of love and joy fills all.

In our own church there are quarrels but many are praying, working and waiting for a blessing.

Next week the pastors and preachers gather to make plans for a Forward Movement in their churches.

Some of the young men hold meetings in the near villages on Sunday the girls are talking of starting Sunday Schools in the city.

Pray that the work in all hearts may be true and deep, that we may be on fire for Christ and that many may learn to know His preciousness.

Mary L Daniels

Harpoot, Dec. 1900

Miss Mary L. Daniels

Harpoot Dec 14, 1900

Dear Dr. Barton -

The Lord is answering prayer. I feel sure that a great, wonderful blessing is coming to the school, and that we are receiving the first drops of the blessing. My heart sings for joy. It is a pleasure to talk with the girls, their hearts are so softened and tender. I am burdened for some of our younger teachers and for the

Seniors. I have Bible and Pedagogy with the latter. I do see growth in spirituality but they are not wholly consecrated.

I have daily lessons with the teachers. They are happy in their work and enthusiastic over new methods.

Just now we are planning for a Christmas tree for the pupils. It has been years since we had a tree, but friends have sent us presents for this purpose.

Miss Platt has begun work in the Kindergarten. She goes to the schools, three

periods a Day. She is happy, bright and a great comfort. I miss Emma very much. It seemed at first as if I could not bear the burden much longer - but I am leaving it with Him. He gives strength and help for the Day.

Will you give my love to Mrs. Barlow and wish her a happy, happy year.

Yours -

Mary L. Daniels

make a day. He is laying
aft and a great cough —
more home. My hand
seemed at first as if I
did not then be broken
and lame. But I am
coming it with them be
free strength and
all for the day.
I'll give you my for
the Pantomime and wish
a happy happy year
home —
Mary & Dennis

Miss Mary L. Daniels

MAR 18 1901
APR 26 1901

Harpoot, Feb. 14 1901

Dear Dr. Barton:

I know that you are rejoicing with us over the work in the school. About seventy girls think that they have given themselves to the Lord this week. I meet these girls in an informal meeting. They tell of their joys, struggles, temptations and conquests. Three new girls came yesterday. Some of the older Christians are very active in working for others.

They often come to tell me that such and such a girl

has given herself to the Lo
of their own accord, girls
come to confess their faul

They seem to show a
earnest spirit; at the sa
time, some of the Christian
are still- luke-warm. I a
praying that the "spirit o
grace and supplication"
be poured out upon al

I know that I never lov
the girls as I do now. I ne
influenced them so easi
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them. I am very, very ha
in my work.

I am tired and lon
for the time when I ca
rest; but I do not allo
myself to think of a vacati
until the schools are safel
housed in the new buildin

Can you imagine what a joy it will be to live in large buildings again? I wish that the indemnity would be paid soon - there are so many things that I want to order for the new home.

The teachers are taking hold of the work in an earnest way. Most of our teachers were pupils when you went away.

I am very anxious to take a few of the orphans into the Boarding Department that they may be kept and trained to go out to teach. Village schools need village girls as teachers.

Monday we hope to begin a Normal Class for the girls

who may go out to teach n
year.

Miss Platt is daily grow
into the work. I never han
a new missionary who he
so quickly interested in al
branches of the work. Sh
I may as of she had be
missionary for a long t

Give much love to M
Barton. I am so glad
she is better.

I am so glad that
Howard wished to join
church. I suppose th
Howard and Wanda
grown so much that
should hardly know
them.

With greetings to

Mary L. D

P.S.

Since writing the above - your letter containing the promise of fifteen dollars for the support of an orphan. I have been wanting money for just such purposes - and I am very grateful. I will write to Miss Wheelock as soon as I decide about her girl.

Gratefully -

M. L. Daniels

It is several weeks since the new term opened. Day by day the number of pupils has increased, until we have more pupils than we had last term. I wish that you could have sat by my side as I sold the tickets and have heard the sorrowful tales that came to my knowledge.

One mother, with tears in her eyes, told me that she had not bedding enough for her children. So the baby was put under the covering of the cusie. [The cusie is a wooden frame under which a pan of coals is put, over which a thick comfortable is thrown. The people sit with their feet down under the frame, and with the comfortable drawn around them] The covering of the cusie caught fire, and the baby was barely saved. Could I refuse to take a silver bracelet as a pledge that the mother would pay later?

As I was seated in the office the first day, the church bell tolled while the mourners and choir boys carried their sad burden through the street. I looked from the window and saw the body bound in cloths. There was no coffin. I remembered that four months ago an old, feeble man came to me for the ticket of his daughter. Now when his three ragged little girls came to me, knowing that their father had just been carried to his last resting-place, could I refuse to help them, although knowing that they would have to be clothed, too. The teachers bought a gingham dress for one of the girls, and the Happiness Giving Committee made the clothing for all.

One circumstance touched me very much. An old man is the sexton in the Gregorian church. As I understand, he receives no salary, but holds the plate at holiday seasons. When he came to put his two daughters in school, he opened his handkerchief, which was filled with small pieces of money, just as he had taken the copper from the people.

Remarks like the following were made to me, according as I gave help or refused it. "May the Lord wake up your conscience." "May your sins not be remembered." "May the Lord give you your hearts desire." I prayed very earnestly that the Lord would show me whom to help. It is a great responsibility to know when to help and when to withhold aid.

The day that school opened was very cold, and some of the boarders were kept at home by their friends. One college girl came from a distant village on a donkey. She was obliged to walk

much of the way to keep warm. It is a delight to ha
the girls return to us,- they come with such happy faces,
bringing their offerings of fruit, candy and fresh butter

Come with me to the home of Dalitah. We pass th
the outer door into a dark passage. We stumble down s
steps into a still darker room. We can hardly see any
at first. There is only one small, high window in the ro
The floor is of earth with no rugs nor carpets. There is
of ragged bedding,- a few clothes and dishes. This
home of our bright, naughty Dalitah, who has such
eyes and rosy cheeks. Does not your heart ache for her

Come to the home of Varseneg, our Senior. We ente
large, light, clean house, and are ushered into the parlo
which are chairs, sofas, desk, stoves, pictures. Soon the
who has flashing eyes, enters and gives you a royal wel
The brother, one of our teachers, comes in for a visit
you his photographs - he has a camera -, his books. H
pretty wife and their darling children come in to see
teacher. The children are so cunning, the father is so
of them, they are all so happy and proud of one ano
that your heart glows for pure joy. Dear Varseneg
hovers around her teacher - longs to help her in some
By and by other guests enter; a group stands aroun
the organ while Varseneg plays their favorite hymn
We come home with the prayer in our hearts that
may be able to help our girls to make homes in this
and that all the homes may be filled with Christ's t

We observed the Day of Prayer in our schools. T
~~teachers~~ tenderness of last ~~term still~~ continues, girls
are growing in spirituality, others are turning to the Lo
Once a week I meet the girls who have just com
out on the Lord's side. There are about seventy, and
the number increases weekly. I do love these girls
and the work.

Pray that our girls may make the winning of
souls their life-work.

Yours,

Mary L. Daniels

Harpoot, Turkey.
Feb. 21, 1901.

Harpoot, Oct. 9, 1901

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.

Dear Dr. Smith -

We are a very happy company of teachers this year. The new building is beautiful and commodious. It took us some time to become accustomed to the new environment! There are still many little things that are not finished, but we are comfortable. New pupils have come to us - some from distant places: Sivas, Erzroom, Hadjin and Antab

The spirit of the College is good - and we are looking for a blessing. The longing of many hearts is that souls may turn to the Lord. My one desire, or the greatest desire of my heart, is that our girls may grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord and that they may be ready and willing to go and tell of Christ's love.

We are trying to separate the work of the College and Preparatory School from that of the lower schools. Miss Huntington has taken charge of the Primary schools and Miss Platt of

the Kindergarten. I think that this arrangement will be a forward step.

Will you not pray and ask others to pray for our College? It seems as if we must have a blessing this year.

I am stronger than I was last year and very happy in my work.

With kind regards to Mrs. Smith –

Mary L. Daniels

Miss Mary L. Daniels

Harpoot, Oct. 9. 1901

Rec'd Nov. 4

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Harpoot. Dec. 6. 1901

Dear Friends.

Many weeks have passed since I wrote to you; but the days have been so full of work and interruptions that letter-writing has been pushed aside. Our schools opened at the usual time in September. The building for the College, High School and Boarding Department was so nearly completed that we began to use it from the first. It took us some time to adjust the school to its new environment. The gifts of friends in money and material enabled us to furnish the building comfortably and prettily. We have received many beautiful pictures, three organs, a bed for the sick-room, the furnishings for the sitting rooms, maps, charts and books. For all of which, we extend our hearty thanks.

The building for the Primary Schools was not ready for occupancy until last week; so we were obliged to hire houses again. The day before Thanksgiving found all the schools gathered into the missionary premises. There are still many unfinished places, but we are very comfortable and grateful.

Miss Platt has started her Kindergarten. She has forty girls and boys. Some of them are just as naughty as they can be, but all are dear little babies. She is very happy in her school and I am sure will do a great work.

We miss Dr Bates all the time. He has been obliged to go to America for rest. The heavy burdens of the last two years have broken him down. Dr Barnum has taken his place. It is a wonder to us that Dr Barnum is able to carry the burden but the Lord gives strength. Yesterday we celebrated Dr Barnums seventy-fifth birthday.

Between twenty and thirty of the Orphans have been taken into the Boarding Department. We made a careful selection and have taken only those who give hope of becoming workers. Just this week, Juhar one of these Orphans, left us to teach in a village school. She is an earnest Christian and we hope that she will lead many to Christ.

A month ago, I was quite tired, so my friends sent me to Malatia to meet Mr. and Mrs Carey. It was a great pleasure to ride along with no care, and to enjoy the scenery. For seven years I had not been beyond the mountains that shut in Harpoot.

It was just a delight to see the rosy light on the snow-capped mountains, to watch the changing scene and to dream by the Euphrates River. At Malatia I received a warm welcome from the Pastor's family. I spent just one day

in the city. I made and received calls, visited the schools and the orphanages, and held a meeting with the women. There are many of my old pupils in the city and I did enjoy meeting them. The people seem worldly and far from the Lord. The teacher, Aghavni is one of my dear girls. She is so full of her work that she can talk of nothing else. She is truly a light in that great city. Malatia has been much on my heart since my return home.

Before school opened, there was a longing in many hearts for a closer walk with God, and there has been much prayer for the girls. From the first, some of the older girls have been burdened for the salvation of souls. We were led to re-organize our Christian Endeavor Society. The Society has taken a new start and two or three careless girls have dropped out. There has been a deepening of the spiritual life in the others. All the school-meetings have been earnest, many of the girls telling of their own personal experiences. At first, two or three met to pray for individuals, the number has increased until there is quite a circle of girls who meet daily. These girls are giving themselves to prayer. Often the voice of prayer is heard in the dormitory. There are many girls for whom I am burdened; they come up before me as I write. I can mention only a few: Anna, a Freshman. She has a Christian father and mother, but is careless about the salvation of her own soul. Veronica, one of the younger girls. She is from a worldly home and is fond of dress, but if she can be won to Christ she has a wonderful opportunity for testifying of His love among her many friends. Yeghi, a daughter of one of our martyred pastors. She has been in school for years but the truth has not sunk down into her heart to transform her life. There are other girls who are a source of thanksgiving and praise. Rahel, a Senior, is a brilliant girl, with a bright face and flashing eyes. She has been careless although a Christian this week. She has given herself wholly to the Lord. Her face just beams as she says, "O, I did. All the girls now are happy as I."

MAR 8 1902

We are now enjoying our Christmas vacation: The last term was one of the happiest of my life, and my heart is full of gratitude and praise.

From the very beginning there was a spirit of prayer in the hearts of the older girls. Little prayer-circles were formed of girls who met daily at recesses, before school or at the evening for prayer. They prayed definitely for individual girls. Often they came to me with smiles of joy to tell of the answers to their prayers.

Week by week the interest in spiritual things deepened until the whole atmosphere of the school was changed. Careless girls said one to another "The girls have a joy that we have it. We wish to have that joy too. We want to be different." It became very easy to speak to the girls of their souls' salvation, as there was a preparation in the heart and a readiness to hear. The school work continued as usual, only with this difference that the Presence of Christ filled the building and hearts were drawn to Him. There was no excitement, only a quiet deep work.

During the last weeks, we had a Christian Endeavor Rally. In our school, there are three societies: Senior, Intermediate and Junior. In connection with the Senior Society there is a Society, "Sincerely Hands", which is composed of girls who are not in school. At the time of the rally, all the members of the four societies marched into the main room with banners and singing. It was an inspiring sight to see the large room well-filled with Endeavorers. The committees of the different societies presented their reports. We all felt that it was a time of heart searching before God. Many and earnest prayers were offered that we might live a life of separation and work for souls. The girls who were not members were much touched, and I know that good was done.

As the days went on, the spirit of prayer increased. Girls became burdened for the salvation of others. Some even rose during the night to pray. Girls confessed to one another and to their teachers. During the week of Prayer and just before the close of school, a whole day was set apart for Spiritual work. Meetings were held in the different schools. These meetings were followed by work with individuals. It was touching to see an earnest girl or teacher go quietly up to some

girl for whom she had been praying and lead her to a suitable place for conversation and prayer. The house was filled with groups of such girls. Scattered about the main room were girls who were fighting themselves. One dear girl, a junior, had been under a cloud for a long time. Early in the day she sat apart alone with her Bible. Many prayers had been offered for her. One of her teachers sat down and talked and prayed with her. Finally she could not endure the light of so many believers. She began to work, and her own heart was filled with peace and joy, as she testified later with a beaming face. I know that girls decided Christ that day. Many said that the day was too short. It was, indeed, a blessed day. Now the girls have gone to their homes, we pray that they may be kept from sin and that all may return with a deeper longing to know Christ fully.

May I give you just a glimpse of our Christmas. All our girls and the orphans marched into the school building. We had a short program of suitable songs and recitations. Then the wonderful tree gave up their treasures. Friends had sent us many gifts for the girls; others had sent money which was used for gingham for the poorer children but the dolls just delighted the little ones. It touched me to see the little tots reach up their two hands for the dolls and to watch the look of satisfaction and bliss come over their faces as they sank down with the dolls in their arms.

I thank every one who has sent money or gifts to gladden the hearts of these little ones. I thank you for your sympathy and prayers; but I beg to pray with great longing and desire that the Spirit may deepen the work and that many, many girls may give themselves wholly to the Lord.

Yours in the work for the Master,
Mary L. Daniels

Harpoot Jan 22. 1902.

Harpoot, Jan. 23. 1902.

Dr. Smith:

Dear Sir:

I am sure that you will rejoice with me for the blessing that is coming to the school. The Spirit is very near - and hearts have been softened and drawn to Him.

I am praying that showers of blessing may be fall on the school.

I never was so happy in my life.

Rejoice with me - and pray that He may abide with us. M. L. Daniels

Miss Mary L. Daniels.

Harpoot, Jan. 23, 1902.

Rec'd Feb. 25.

Miss Mary L. Daniels

FEB 24 1902

MAR 8 1902

Harpoot, Jan. 23, 1902

Dear Dr. Barton:

If you put the general letter that I sent to Mrs. Barton and your general letter to-gether, you will have a story of the work in our school for the last months.

My heart is full of gratitude and joy. There has been no excitement, only a deep, true work in many hearts. It has seemed as if the Spirit stood ready to bestow them upon us.

The Lord has been teaching me what it

means to be burdened for souls - and what it means to be an intercessor. I am sure that I was never so happy in my life. I am stronger, too, than for several years.

Rejoice with us and pray that He may abide in our midst.

I am glad to think of you as back in Boston, and grateful for the work that you have been permitted to do for the Master in India.

Yours —

Mary L. Daniels

DEC 9 1902

Harpoot, Nov. 5. 1902

Dear Friends -

For two weeks, I have been enjoying a vacation, planned for by the native teachers. They felt that I did not rest much during the summer so they wished me to have a change now. Was it not lovely in them to think of it?

School opened Sept 10. the second Wednesday in September. There have been many changes in the teaching force. Dr. Shephard advised Miss Platt to return to America, as she has never fully recovered from her operation. It seemed as if we could not let her go; but we felt that she could not recuperate so near her work, so we reluctantly said "Good-bye" to her. Several of the native teachers left us and are teaching in other places. Four of the graduates of last summer came back to us as teachers. A widow whose husband died from the effects of the massacre and who is a sweet, earnest Christian and a graduate of the College, is also teaching for us. The teachers are entire diocetic, earnest and united. They manifest a true desire for the salvation of their pupils. I pray that God may deepen the longing in our hearts and that He may work wonders in our midst.

A few weeks ago, our fear that Mr Lose D. Gates became a reality. He is called to Robert College. We feel that the Lord has called him, but what are we to do?

Many new pupils have come to us from the neighboring cities, both from Protestant and Gregorian schools. In some cases whole classes have flocked to our doors. It took much time to classify these new pupils.

We did not accept as many orphans in the Boarding department as last year, but still there are 25 or 30 with us. About seventy orphans work half a day and attend school half a day. There is a separate school under our supervision for such girls. Part come in the morning and the rest in the afternoon. The most hopeful and the smallest orphans are in school all day. My heart goes out to these orphans and I try to help them fit them-

selves for useful lives. I feel that there is a great opportunity before them as they will be scattered up and down the land.

As I write, the girls are playing in the yard during their recess. I wish that you could hear their merry voices and see how active they are at their games. They are more natural than the prim little women of six or seven that one sees in this ho I thank God for every year of girlhood that I can give them. I never was so happy in my life. My privilege seems greater every year. My girls are such dear girls. I wish that you could lov them as I do, but then they are strangers to you.

This is Parents' Day. The girls of the Preparatory School have public exercises to which their parents are invited. The songs and recitations are all about home and mother. I hope that the school and the homes will be bound closer together as the result.

This year our female teachers lecture to the girls once in two weeks. Last Friday, Degen Wakeman gave the first lecture. She was dignified, calm, quiet, and kept the attention of all. I was proud of her.

This morning, all the teachers met for their weekly prayer meeting. The leader showed a tender spirit and we all felt drawn nearer the Master and one another.

A few weeks ago, the teachers had a dinner to-gether, and spent the evening with music, songs, games and conversation. Most of the teachers are studious, and are growing mentally and spiritually. How I wish that you could know them. But you will pray for them, will you not, that they may be clothed with power from on High and live only for the Lord and to win souls to Him?

Yours.

Mary L. Daniels

HARRY WADE HICKS

JUN 20
JUL 5 19

A few months ago, I wrote you of the religious interest in the school. There has been growth in the spiritual life of many of the girls. A few weeks ago, one of our native pastors came to Harpoot. He has been burdened for our schools for a long time. He told me that he felt that the whole responsibility for the salvation of the pupils were his. He held a number of volintary meetings. Almost all the girls were present. Many were deeply touched, and some were led to consecrate themselves more fully to the Lord. One of the teachers told me, the other day, that it is much easier to govern the girls now than at the beginning of the year. Before Easter vacation, I began to call at the homes of our girls in the city. It is not easy to steal time from the regular routine work for the calls, but I do feel that we need to keep in touch with the homes, and to know the environment of our pupils. Every time that I go out into the city, I come home with my heart warmed - May I tell you of two trips that I took during the vacation?

Early one morning, four of our native teachers and I rode to a city about an hour from Harpoot. The good old school servant, Stephen, accompanied us on foot. It was a pleasure to drink in the sweet, fresh air - to feel freedom from school cares. We went directly to pastor's house, where we received a warm welcome. After a few minutes conversation, a cup of coffee and a prayer - We teachers started out to call on present and former pupils. The distances were great, the time was short, so our calls were brief, but in many instances, we were accompanied from house to house by friends already visited. Our hearts grew warm as we recalled scenes and incidents of years gone by - and talked of the way by which the Lord had led us. In almost every instance, we found an opportunity for saying a word for Jesus and to witness to His love and the joy of His presence. We found that some were working for the Lord - that the hearts of some were filled with His love - but alas - a few have grown worldly and indifferent. After a dainty lunch at the

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Ans'd DEC. 24 1902

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to go anywhere for the love of the Lord.

We are praying that the man that the Lord sends may come for the College. The future looks dark — Dr. Gates seems much needed but He knows and leads.

We miss Miss Platt but hope that she may soon come back to us.

I am very well, am gaining in flesh, so the girls say.

It has been a long time since I heard from Mrs. Barton. Has she forgotten her old fellow-traveller? You asked about furnishings for the school & write a list. There are other things that we wish but hardly dare to ask for now.

1. One great need is a library. We need all kinds of reference books. Teachers are enthusiastic but they have not all the books that they need. We need simple histories and books for supplementary work in English.

2. A set of historical maps. Map of Paul's Journeys. Raised maps.

3. A good organ for practice.

4. Microscopes.

5. Forms for drawing.

6. Slides & Lanterns. Slides for Bible, History and Geography.

I do hope that some or all of these things may be sent us.

With much love to Mrs Barton.

Mary L. Daniels

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Terms for showing.
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Slide for Public Meeting
and Sunday School.

We have all that
we bring over to each
Meeting.

Mrs. Howard Van Z. Van Buren.
Mrs. J. Bennett

Miss Mary L. Daniels

Rec'd MAR 3 1903

Ans'd MAR 12 1903

Harpoot, Jan. 24. 1903

Dear Dr. Barton:

Our last term was a successful one. Many new pupils came to us from Gregorian and Protestant schools. For instance, a whole class came to us from the other quarter of the city.

Our girls numbered 505. We have been obliged to put new desks in College and Vartanan; and the school was built only last year! The teachers are very enthusiastic. This year, our female teachers have taken

upon themselves to deliver
some of the lectures to the as-
sembled schools. I have been
proud of them, too, as they
have stood in a quiet and
dignified way and talked
to our girls.

There has been no special
religious interest, though
there has been growth in
many hearts.

We are praying and
longing that the Spirit
may do a mighty work
in our midst.

I have been hoping
that Mr. Browne would
stay in Harpoot and
work in the schools. He
has led several meetings

in the girls' school and helped the girls very much.

I send one bill to you for books of yours that I have taken. At first, I took more books but I returned most of them. I am sorry that I have not sent the money earlier but it kept slipping from my mind. Many thanks for the books.

Mr Riggs arrived last week. We all like him very much and I hope that he will be just the man for the place —

Yours —

Mary L. Daniels

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The money I have sent to Constantinople to be forwa[illegible] to you:

ADS'D JUN 2 1903

Hartford April 15. 1903

ar Dr. Barton-

May I ask you to
orward the enclosed letter and
hotographs to Miss Wilson?

I have just sent out invi-
tions to our alumnae for a re-
nion in June. I have been quite
terested in some facts that I
ve gathered.

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irls' College in 1883.

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ow or doing special work.
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urkey, in Persia, in Cyprus, in
America from Massachusetts to
California:

There are many things that I can do for the school if I could be in America. We do need a good library for the girls' school.

It will be hard to leave the school for I do love the girls and work - better each day; but above all things, I want to do this work.

With love for Mrs. Barton -

Yours -

Mary L. Daniels

AUG 5 1903

Dr. Barton, I am thinking that it is time for me to take a furlough. It is eight years and a half since I left home. I could not leave till a president was appointed. Mr Riggs is getting into the work nicely. Miss Wilson has been accepted. It looks as if I could leave, especially as Emma is free to take my place in the school. I had thought that I might come this autumn with Mr. and Mrs. Browne; but Dr. Barnum is quite anxious for me to stay thro' the winter so as to start Miss Wilson in the work.

I do not know. I am not making any plans yet.

I know that the Lord will make the way straight and plain before me - and I am waiting for His guidance.

I am able to remain another winter, if the Lord wills it.

Rec'd JUN 22 1903

The female teachers have taken part in the discussions which is an innovation. New interest and enthusiasm has been aroused by these discussions.

Next week, our older girls and teachers give a concert. Will you favor us with your presence?

Last week I went to Mezreh to help the Seniors select their graduating dresses. The merchants say that trade grows less, year by year just now, there is fear or uneasiness among the Armenians.

Wednesday, I invited the graduating class of the High School to spend the evening with me. There are seventeen girls in the class and we had a merry time. I had hoped to have the Seniors and Juniors to-night, but three of their number are sick. Last week, I entertained the teachers.

Such gatherings do good and help us to know and love one another better and to draw nearer the Lord.

Already, calls are coming from our out-stations, asking for teachers for another year. It is always hard to select just the right teacher for a certain place. There is a great responsibility resting on one who goes out to teach.

Do pray much for such girls and teachers that they may be filled with Christ's love and constrained to lead others to the Lord.

Many parents are begging me to help their daughters into school. Just this week, I have had two such appeals - from a village and a distant city.

Some of our Christian Endeavorers go daily to hold prayers with women and girls in a near work-shop.

Sunday, two girls go to a near village to help the women.

Do pray that the atmosphere of the school may lead every pupil to a higher life, and that souls may be daily born into the Kingdom and be on fire to go out and tell others.

Mary L. Daniels

Harpoot, May 27, 1903

We are more than busy with the duties of the last wee
of school.

Just now, one of the teachers is in my room, ce-
lecting plants to illustrate her lecture on Flowers which
she will deliver, this after-noon. She is a lover of flowers
and does enthusiastic work in her Botany class; and to
day she will try to awaken an interest in flowers as
beautifiers of the home.

Another teacher is seen at almost all hours with
dainty piece of embroidery in her hand. She is teach-
ing the girls to make pretty collars of lace or linen, doilie
and handkerchiefs.

Our dear Deerbohse feels the burden of the school
as no one else does. She often calls the girls aside to help
them correct their faults or to lead them to the Savior.

During the Easter vacation my heart was warmed by
a visit to a little village beyond the Euphrates. The
women are ignorant, few knowing how to read. Th
have no books and little to uplift them. I shall never
forget their eager attention to the Word. How I longed
to stay and help them.

Several times I have been asked to have meetin
for the brides in this part of the city. I have always felt
that I had too much school work to do; but this
spring I have been led to invite the brides to m
room once a week. The number has increased ea
week. Most of the brides are from non-Protestant
homes. We have familiar, conversational meetings.
Many of the poor little women know nothing
of a personal Savior and Friend; neither do they
know how to train up their children.

Yesterday we talked about lying. The Turks lie
and deceive so much that the Armenians learn
from them. Many confessed to telling lies to their
little ones. Next week Mrs. Browne will talk to
them about caring for their children. I am so
glad that the Lord has given me this work to do
Do pray that these young mothers may know
Jesus and so train their children for Him and
in His likeness.

This year we have semi-monthly meetings
for teachers of both departments. Some of the
subjects taken up have been: "Responsibility of
the Teacher." "Child Study" "Discipline." ~~The female~~

Miss Mary L. Daniels,

REC'D JUN 22 1903

ANS'D JUN 30 1903

Harpoot, May 27, 1903

Dear Dr. Barton-

When I made out the list of things for the school, I did not know that a magic lantern had been sent. I shall be delighted if the money can be kept till I come home as I shall work hard to secure a good library for the girls' school as well as many other needed things.

Your letter about the possibility of the delay of Messrs Wilson and Platt quite

upset me for a time, but
Theresa and Emma (on whom
the burden will rest) feel
that I ought to go. The sooner
I go, the sooner I can return.
M has been here this year. He
will be here next year.
Emma will take my place
as the head of the school.
Theresa will have an
outing of several weeks in
Constantinople - and be pre-
pared for next year.
It grows harder and
harder to think of leaving
the school - but I am very
tired - and there is much
to do for the school in
America.
I am glad that you

saw my mother and sister in Meudon. It will be nine years since I left home, this September.

These days are crowded with work - There are only four weeks before Commencement. We have but nine graduates this year. We are to have a meeting of the alumnae and that means extra work.

With love for Mrs Barton - Yours -

Mary L. Daniels

Miss Mary L. Daniels

Marsovan, Oct. 9. 1903

Dear Dr. Barton:

We had a pleasant journey as far as Marsovan. I was glad to visit the stations of Sivas and Marsovan.

The second day after leaving Marsovan, in jumping from the araba, I sprained my ankle very badly. We rode on for two hours to the khan. That night, we met Dr. Cassing Van who was returning to Marsovan.

He ordered me back to Warsovan. So, the following morning, our party separated; and I returned to Warsovan with Dr. Carrington.

He said that if I tried to use my foot, I might be disabled for six months or a year. It was hard to forego the pleasure of travelling with the others, but there seemed no other way.

I spent ten days in bed in the hospital. Now I have begun to take a few steps.

I am hoping to be able to start next week, but

I do not know as the doctor will allow me to do so.

I do not know with whom I can continue my journey, but the Lord keeps me in peace.

Miss Bush wished me to send her letter to you.

May I trouble you to care for the letters for the Mrs Browne and Miss Bush.

Many thanks for your trouble about the school report.

With love for Mrs. Barton.

Yours —

Mary L. Daniels.

Miss Bush Mr and Mrs Browne.

REC'D NOV 3 1903

Marsovan Oct. 16. 1903

Dear Friends:

I write Marsovan, & am sitting at the table room in the hotel of Damm.

I sent letters last Saturday. Sunday I was quite ill with malaria and spent most of the day in bed. Miss Baldwin was lonely to me. She gave me medicine and visited me. Saturday the engagement of Miss Riggs and Mr. Getchell was announced. We had been expecting it. They are perfectly radiant. Sunday evening they appeared together in chapel. Monday and Tuesday I spent most of my time in writing letters. Tuesday evening I went to Dr. Riggs' house

to take supper and to spend the night. Just before supper the American mail came. I had a fat package from Hartford also a letter from Miss Graf and a postal from Miss Bush. Miss Graf writes that they are waiting for the Norton party. During the evening Dr. and Mrs Riggs, Dr. Carrington and Mr. White talked over my going. I had told them that I was anxious to start this week. They decided that Dr. Riggs is with me Thursday. He is not well and they hoped that the change would do him good. The letters and the decision excited me so that I could not sleep. I heard the clock strike all the quarter hours till after one - and I came at six.

Wednesday was a busy day. Early, I ran back to the

Carrington's and saw Miss Baldwin about some work. Then I packed my trunk as we wanted to send it Wednesday noon. Dr. Riggs had the wagon in hand. A man promised to take the trunk that day but he started Thursday. By previous arrangement, dined at the Whites. It was Mr. White's and Miss Baldwin's birthday. After dinner I played with the children. Mr. White had a party of the station men for tea in honor of the birthdays. We had time for only a short visit as at 7.30 all met at Dr. Carrington's for a meeting of the archaeological club. The gathering lasted till ten. Then I said good by to the friends, went up to Dr. Riggs & finished packing.

Thursday morning at 6.30 we came to Kavalai where it snowed

ning cable). Mrs. Rizzo had prepared a tin of food. Dr. Rizzo and I got dinner and I did up the dishes. He is a lovely traveling companion, so thoughtful and kind. At first I was just a little afraid of him. He is so dignified. He has been "just lovely."

Saturday, Oct. 17, 1903

I have just broken the spring of my watch.

We left Kavala at 6. The road between Kavala and Chalkhulu where we spent our last night, is much worse than three weeks ago. For a long distance we were obliged to leave the road and go through oaks over a hill. The road was just wide enough for one wagon. We met many wagons and had a hard time. We reached Samakov at two. Women are just gathering the olives. We passed many of them at work.

My trunk has not yet come - but we expect it before noon. If it comes in time, I shall sail to-day - if not - on Monday. Several steamers have come and gone since we arrived. My room looks out on the sea. The sky is cloudless and the sea is quiet - and it looks as if it should have a calm passage.

Dr. Riggs is already much better. He will remain till Monday. He has sent no telegram to Mr. Pat - asking if he shall remain to meet the young ladies. He expects a reply to-day.

We have not seen Sarkis yet - though Dr. Riggs told his cavass to find him.

All the Marsovan friends rejoice in the engagement. Mr. Getchell just bubbles over with joy. Susie is demure but charming.

Susie will teach the year out-
then probably Mrs. Gatchell
and she will care for the boys
in the "Home" and Mrs Smith
will have more as matron
in the College.

The coming of Mr. Riggs
with me has seemed a
foretaste of the way the Lord
will plan my journey all the
way home. I do not know
of any companions - but I
go on without fear.

I thought of you as
sailing yesterday. Friday. I
hope that you are all well
and strong this morning.

With love to all -

Mary L. Daniels

Miss M. L. Daniels 19.

Rec'd JUN 7 1904

Franklin, Mass.
June 6. 1904

Dear Dr. Barton.

Many thanks for forwarding the letters.

I am sure that Harpoot would gladly welcome a trained nurse. I have heard

sewing of the station
say so.

I shall probably
call at the Rooms
Thursday - please
keep the package
till that day.

I do hope that
a nurse can be
sent to Hartford -
We do need one
very much.

Yours -
W. L. Daniels

Miss Mary L. Daniels 20.

RECD JUL 12 1904

Franklin, Mass.
July 11, 1904

Dear Dr. Barton:

This letter from Dr. Barnum has been the rounds, and came back to me from Mrs. Wheeler. I have seen no letter from Dr. Barnum for a long time.

I had an enjoyable and profitable time at the commencements of

Mt Holyoke and Smith Colleges.

I am glad that I decided not to attend Harvard Summer School for I am tired and the weather is hot. I am resting and sewing at home.

Last week, I had my teeth extracted and I shall have my new ones in a day or two.

Will you please forward the enclosed

letter to Mr. Riggs? Also, will you let me know if he expects to be in Boston.

With thanks and love to Mrs. Barton,

Yours,

Mary L. Daniels

Mary L. Daniels 21.

Rec'd AUG 29 1904

Minnie's Seaside Rest,
Old Orchard,
Maine.
Aug. 26. 1904

Dear Dr. Barton.

I am spending a week or two at this beautiful place. I find it very restful here. I wish other tired missionaries could rest here, too. I am having more complete rest

than at any time since coming to America. I just sleep and eat!!!

I return Dr. Barnum's letter. It has been the rounds -

Yours -

Mary L. Daniels

Personal -

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Rec'd NOV 21 1904

Franklin, Mass.
Nov. 20. 1904

Dr. Barton.

Dear Sir -

I prayed that the Lord would help me write the letter to Harpoot.

I felt that He guided the pen and helped me to say what was in my heart.

One thing I just could not say is that I have had much

heart-searching during all the year. We need to get away alone with the Lord once in a while. I had planned and hoped to do many things differently after my return.

I want to say one word to you. I had not been conscious of doing some of the things that Dr. Bauman said.

The days are hard.

I feel as if I belonged
no where. It seems as
if every one was possessed
to talk about my
return to Harpoot.

The whole thing
has been such a
surprise to me that
I can only feel that
it is the Lord and
out of it a great
blessing will come
to Harpoot and
to me.

With thanks for

your kindness and help -

Mary L. Daniel

Do not send the letter if it does not meet your approval

COPY.-

Franklin, Mass.
November 28, 1904.

Dear Dr. Barnum:-

Ever since I sprained my ankle last autumn I have felt that I have been in the Lord's hands and that He has been teaching me and preparing me for service for Him.

So, although your letter was a great surprise and almost broke my heart, I could feel that the Lord was purifying me and fitting me for better service. I do feel that a great blessing will come to us all through this sorrow.

I feel humbled to the ground before the Lord, but I can look up and see His face and know that He is watching His child in the fire and that when He can see His image reflected, He will take her out of the fire. I know that "All things work together for good to them that love God"- so good must come from the suffering. Some of the things mentioned in the letter, the Lord had shown me during the year; others I did not know that I had done. In the first place, I had not consciously felt that my associates were inferior to me in any way and I do not remember reprimanding them. I do feel that I have failed in the second point. Not that I deliberately planned to do so, but that I have failed I know and feel. The Lord has shown me myself as never before and I know it is my desire to live so that He may be glorified. If you can forgive and help me I know that I am more than ready to try not to do those things mentioned in I and II that grieved Him and you, and to try to do as He would wish me to do.

I think that the secret of all is that we teachers have not prayed together as we ought to have done. I know I am far from per-

fect but He has been pouring His love into my heart and I feel very differently.

About the third point, the Lord has been teaching me. I know that I am not the Mary Daniels that left Harpoot, September 4th 1903.

I have grown in self-control, in love, and I hope, in likeness to Him. I do ask the Lord to forgive me- I have asked Him- and I ask you too. I pray that the Lord will trust me enough to send me back to my old place and work. I have been thinking much about the power of the Spirit. How we need power to win souls! It is my prayer, that if I come, I may come in His power that I may win souls for His kingdom. Pray for me because I do long to be a blessing.

Yours,

(Signed) Mary L. Daniels.

Miss Mary L. Daniels 2F
Personal.

Rec'd NOV 29 1904
Ans'd NOV 30 1904

Franklin, Mass.
Nov. 28. 1904

Dr Barton.

Dear Sir:

I could not write the letter till this afternoon.

I do not know as it is right now but I mean every word that I have written. I see very clearly that you were right about the first letter and I thank you for taking time to tell

Do not send the letter unless you think it is right.

With thanks for all your kindness to me.

Yours —

Mary L. Daniels

me and to help me.

I cannot express in words my thanks to you and Mrs. Barton for your kindness to me. I appreciate it very much.

It troubled me quite a little Friday night to think that you felt that I felt differently toward you - when I passed through the Room.

I did feel differently - it is true - but it was a feeling of nearness and deep gratitude.

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Rec'd FEB 9 1905

Ans'd FEB 10 1905

Franklin, Mass.
Feb. 8. 1905

Dear Dr. Barton -

I have prayed very much during these three months that I might know His will and be willing to do His will. I have prayed that the decision would glorify Him. I have tried to put my will aside and seek His will.

I have been in the valley of humiliation - perhaps I am not yet

out of it. I know that I needed the lesson;— and hard as the experience has been, I know that He knows best. He has taught me to trust Him in the details of life as I never did before.

I know I have tried to plan for myself— in years gone by; during these months, He has taught me that He can plan better than I. I have had lovely experiences of His love and leading in the way that He has opened doors and helped me in writing schools in Brooklyn &c

an unexpected way - He sent the money for my expenses - through an Armenian!

I cannot put on paper all the reasons I have for thanking Him - nor can I tell all His leading and lessons.

It seems to me that it is His will for me to return. I do not want to go unless I can be a blessing - but I think that He has been preparing me for service. I know I want to do His will.

As I write and pray - I am ready to do all in my power to meet

the conditions - and carry them out. I know the school needs me - judging by what they write to me.

I did not write earlier to you, because I wanted be sure and make no mistake.

God helping me and in His strength, I will try to do His will for the school and meet the conditions.

I can see no other way by which He can be glorified except by my return - and I feel that is His will.

I know He has answered prayer and His grace is sufficient. I know that you are

praying. I know that
I have been self-willed-
but I want to be God-
controlled now. I am
praying that all I say
may be from my heart
in sincerity.

For the last year or
more - I can see distinct
steps in His leading. I
can see how He led me
up to this lesson and
prepared me for it. I can
see Him walking with
me and helping me
while I was suffering so.
And now it seems as if
He wishes me live out
what He has taught.

Pardon me for writing

to conditions - and can
so much - I have not said
it in the way that I hoped
to say it - but reading
between the lines & think
that you can understand all.

Little by little, I am getting
things ready for Harpoot -
If I go, I want to send
some things in March.
Emma writes for an
organ and a cook-stove.
If I purchase both - there
will be little money for
the things that I
know are needed and
can be only selected on

the spot. When I come to Boston, I will talk over the purchases with you.

Yours -

Mary L. Daniels

Mary L. Dan

Franklin, Mass. Feb

26.

Rec'd FEB 19 1905

Franklin, Mass.
Feb. 18, 1905

Dear Dr. Barton –

I cannot express my thanks to you and Mrs. Barton for your loving sympathy and help. I feel very deeply your kindness.

This morning, I have been looking over the list of "needs" that has come from Harpoot,

and also at my hat—;
and the money in view
is far from being
enough to supply the
need.

The one thing that
I wish that you would
present to the trustees
is this need. Can they
not secure something
for the College?

The money that I
have spent I have
thought over many
times before I really

spent it - that I might make no mistake and spend it in the wisest way.

If possible, I will run in to see you for a few minutes, Monday.

Yours -

Mary L. Daniels

Rec'd MAR 14 1905

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Mrs. Mary L. Daniels.
Franklin, Mass. Mar. 13. 1905.

Ans'd MAR 14 1905

Franklin, Mass.
March 13, 1905

Dear Dr. Barton.

If Dr. and Mrs. Tracy are willing that I should go with them, it seems to me that I better go this spring.

They write from Harpoot that Mrs. Mangat wishes to go inland with me - so I shall have company all the way.

If the Tracys wish me to travel with them, would they or you tell me their route and plans that I may write Harpoot.

Would it not be well for a telegram to be sent to Constantinople so that Mr Grant and Mrs. Margot can plan?

I shall be at the Rooms, Friday: probably yours –

Mary L. Daniel

Route of Dr Grant –

Sail May 3d – fr. Boston

Boston to Liverpool

2 days in England

Switzerland in the interest of the Orphanages – Entertained with friends there. 2 or 3 days there.

Stop at Smyrna over one steamer

Wants to reach Marsovan by June 1st

M. L. Daniels.

Ans'd MAR 31 1905

Franklin, Mass
March 29, 1905

Dear Dr. Barton -

Miss Stone has written me asking me to take charge of one of the graduates of the school at Monastir. She wishes to return when I go.

I hardly feel like doing so - as I am asking Dr. Tracy to let me go with them.

What do you advise?

I have written notes to Dr. Tracy about the young girl.

Will you please forward his letter. I left it open if you wish to add a line

Yours

W. L. Daniels

M. L. Daniels

London, May 20. 1905

On the whole, our voyage was most comfortable and enjoyable. We had no severe storm, no gale; although we did have head winds for several days, and it was quite rough for two days. It was the easiest trip I ever had and I was dressed every day, and was absent from the table but three times.

We sighted Land's End early Friday morning and sailed along the Irish Coast for some time. We expect that messages were sent to America and Liverpool of our safety and that you know of our arrival long ago.

Friday, there was a high wind all day. It died down at night and the fog was so dense that the captain could not see the lights and for a time he was quite anxious. We were opposite Liverpool about eight this morning. The tide was low and the channel was narrow, and we were almost stuck in the mud.

We were taken from steamer to the dock by the tender. At the custom house, we were asked "Have you anything to declare? Wine, cigars?" My things were not touched and were not opened. Dr. Lacy said "I never smoked a cigar in my life." That was not a direct answer to the question - and his things were examined very carefully. We were escorted to a bus and taken to the station. Near the station, I mailed between sixty and seventy letters — not all in separate envelopes! The man in the office was very slow. He counted my forty-six stamps over six times!!!

Liverpool looks ancient as compared to our cities. The buildings are of stone and are discolored by smoke. We saw statues of Prince Albert and Queen Victoria - both on horse. She had long flowing skirts.

The policemen of Liverpool are very tall.

On the trolley lines, they have trams of two stories. The horses of the drays are large with immense feet, and are often tandem. I saw a tiny donkey in a large cart. The hats in England are just awful" - It is quite fun to watch the people and try to decide who are English and who are American.

We had second-class compartment. The compartment is like a small room. There are two seats facing each other, and six can ride in our compartment. A number of compartments make one car - and a number of cars make up the train. The compartments of one car open into a corridor. The English say "guard" instead of conductor. We are locked into the compartment by the guard. When it is time to start, the guard waves a green flag and blows a whistle - then the engine makes a peculiar toot - and away we go.

There are no grade crossings. As we rode out of England, we noticed the "chimney pots." When Henry Ward Beecher was asked what impressed him most - he said "The Chimney Pots." He was asked after a visit to Europe.

I did not feel the motion of the steamer at all after leaving. I hated to leave the steamer because it was the last thing to bind me to home and dear ones. We did have a happy trip and God seemed very near. The moonlight was beautiful - beautiful - on the water.

I asked the guard for a time table, and he did not know what it meant!!

The ride from Liverpool to London was charming (I came this same way, <u>twenty</u> years ago.) The houses are mostly of brick. There are no fences but hedges of hawthorne or arbor vitae - with gates and stiles

There were fields and fields of grass - with English daisies buttercups, bluebells, larkspur, cowslips. There were "cattle on a thousand hills" - and sheep of a dark color. Now and then, we passed a house covered English ivy or a country house in a park. Near some of the houses were sheds with thatched roofs. The orchards were in bloom. There were many picturesque churches surrounded by the church-yard - so quiet and green that one would almost like to lie down to rest. The roads wound between lovely hedges. There seemed to be no weeds, no wild, waste places, filled with bushes, no cans and papers by the railroad!! We rode a long distance by a canal. From the banks by the track were covered with beautiful grass.

The ride was a series of pictures long to be remembered. I am so glad that I could have this great pleasure.

May 22 - London -

No time to write more -
Will continue in a few
days.

To go as follows - by Mary's request
~~Mrs Brown~~.

Mrs Brown
~~Mrs Seymour.~~
~~Dr & Mrs. Barlow~~
Miss A. S. Wilkins
272 Walnut St.
Brookline, Mass

Miss Wilkins please
send both letters to
Dr. Barlow.

Bonne
Balin
Wilder
Wilkins

30.

Clarens. Switzerland.
May 26, 1905

We reached this beautiful place Wednesday about 10 a.m. We spent the rest of the day in settling and in resting.

Yesterday, Thursday, we attended service in a little Scotch church. Dr. and Mrs. Tracy told about the work in Marsovan. (They spent three months here in 1891 — and so have many friends.) A collection was taken for the orphan work. I think that it amounted to $75.

There are many English people in the place: retired officers from the army, invalids &c. There are also many tourists, but the season is almost over.

Clarens is on Lake Geneva — and the grand mountains are all about us.

We are staying in a "pension" kept by an English lady. The food is good and the board

is only 4 francs a day.
We sleep under feather
at night!
There is a dear English lady
Miss Hake, whose brother lives
in Vevey, near here. She does
every thing for our comfort
and pleasure.
After lunch, the younger
members of the party, with
a young Swiss girl as guide
by railroad, went to Glion,
on the mountain. The scenery
was fine; mountains piled
upon mountains, snow-capped
and below us was the beau-
tiful Lake Geneva. We saw
whole fields of Narcissus
and Forget-me-not.
After descending the mount
we visited "The Castle of
Chillon". On the tram, we read
Byron's "Prisoner of Chillon".
We saw the dungeon in which

prisoners were fastened to pillars, the room in which they were tortured, the "Court of Justice", the gallows, the door by which the bodies were thrown into the lake, the kitchen which had a fire-place large enough for a whole ox, the moat separating the castle from the main land.

During the after-noon Miss Hake had a reception at her home; but we were not tried to attend.

There has been a haze on the mountains all the time, and the weather has been cold. There are porcelain stoves in the rooms - but they do not heat the room much. The only way to really get warm is to sit on the stove. At night, they put funny jugs of hot water in the beds.

Saturday, May 27, 1905

yesterday. Miss Phelps, an English lady, and I went to Genova. Genova is situated at the other end of the lake. We had a charming ride, of two hours, by the lake. We went third-class!! Genova is a city of 50,000 inhabitants. The new part of the city resembles any European city. In old Genova the streets are narrow, steep and crooked. Mont Blanc was hidden in the haze. Sometimes, tourists wait for two weeks at Genova before they are able to see the mountains. We called on Mr. Favre, a rich Swiss gentleman who has done much for massacre-orphans. His home is a dream of beauty. He has been twice in Harpoot and may go again this year. From his house, we visited an old cathedral. Many old cathedrals are

gaudy because of tinsel and gilt.
This one was simple and beautiful. It was completed in 1024.
The pillars were of carved stone -
the windows are rich and quiet.
The organ gave forth soft music.
I just wanted to sit down to think and pray - but the guide hurried us on. We saw the chair that Calvin used.

Near the cathedral is a small church in which John Knox preached for two years.
We sat down to rest in a beautiful park - then visited a picture gallery. Then took a tram to the outskirts of the city to see the "junction" of the Rhone and Arve Rivers. The latter is a stream formed from the glaciers of Mont Blanc.
The two rivers after uniting flow some distance side by side. The waters of the Rhone are blue - the waters of the Arve are white.

We bought a basket of strawberries and ate our fruit with rolls in the station. I just love these mountains and wish that I could stay longer.

Sunday, May 26.

Yesterday, our friends took us to the chateau of a wealthy English man for a picnic. We were his guests. We rode some distance up the Rhone valley and then went up and up to his home. The view was wonderful - wonderful. In the party were church of England people:- a rector, wife and friends,- Plymouth Brethren, and Missionaries of the American Board, a general of the Indian army, a strong-minded woman - with short hair - a man's hat, my short dress and Alpine stock, a maiden lady or two that

a breath of wind could blow her away, &c. We were a picturesque party! We ate strawberries, drank raspberry "vinegar" under the trees, during a shower.

Monday, May 29. 1905

Sunday morning, we attended service at a Scotch Church and heard a good sermon. The pastor, a Scotchman, expects conversions and many are led to Christ.

In the after-noon, Miss Kyrias and I went for after-noon tea to Miss Hakis. We had a nice quiet time - and sang! We passed the house in which Kruger died.

We are all packed up.
To start on our way.
Mrs. Margot will meet us
at Zurich. We shall
travel all night and
reach Vienna to-morrow
about 7 p. m.

Good-bye -

Mary L. Daniels

Rec'd AUG 28 1905
Ans'd AUG 29 1905

Harpoot, Aug. 3, 1905

Dear Dr. Barton,

I have not been able to write to you since my arrival in Harpoot.

We had a most enjoyable journey all the way to Harpoot.

We were two days in London, five days in Switzerland and a week in Constantinople.

I have always wanted to visit Switzerland, and I never shall forget the visit there.

I was with the Tracy

party as far as Constantinople. They left Mrs. Margot and me in Constantinople to await Dr. Tracy's return. He was delayed so sent a telegram for us to start without him. So, we took the next steamer for Samsoun.

The Black Sea was as calm as glass. We had no difficulty at the custom-house. The servant and driver met us as we went ashore. We left that same day for (Samsoun) Marsovan.

We left Constantinople Saturday, June 10. Loaded

in Samsoun Monday, reached Marzovan Tuesday night - Sivas Saturday night, and Harpoot the next Saturday, June 24; just two weeks from Constantinople.

It seemed all the way as if the Lord went just before us to prepare the way. It was the happiest journey of my life. It seemed, too, as if the Lord made me feel the needs of the people as never before.

Mrs. Margot is an earnest Christian and a sweet woman.

Geragos was our driver.

He remembered you very lovingly and wished me to send his salutations to you.

Since reaching Harford I have been very busy. At first, there was the closing exercises of the school - and many callers to entertain. Now, there is the sewing as well as plans for the new year.

I am glad that I came just when I did, & feel that it was the Lord's will. Emma is very tired and I can help her to rest a little.

Miss Wilson has gone to the Annual Meeting in Van. Dr. Barton, I am very, very happy; and I thank you for all your help.

Our hearts are full of sorrow for the death of Mrs. Riggs. She was much loved and seemed well-fitted for her position.

The Lord is helping Mr. Riggs, although he is almost crushed.

Mrs. Dr. Riggs led the women's meeting yesterday. There was a crowd - and she helped the women.

Although, there has been

many discouraging things in the attitude of the people. There are encouraging signs. There is a longing for a great awakening in some hearts. Some are giving themselves to prayer.

Brd. Yeghoyan has returned from Oorfa with a beautiful spirit of prayerfulness and spirituality.

Mrs. Barnum seems far from well - and has aged in appearance. Br. Barnum looks and acts about the same, but his memory is not

strong.

I am writing at the garden - and I can hear the twitter of the birds.

I wish that you could see and enjoy the dear old mountains.

Of course, you are praying that many souls may be won to the Lord, this year.

With love to Mrs. Barton,

Yours -

U. L. Daniels.

Harpoot.

Turkey.

Rec'd OCT 5 1905

I left America May 10. with a party of missionaries. We were ten days on the Atlantic, and enjoyed a quiet, comfortable voyage. We stayed only two days in England, but we heard Campbell Morgan, did a little shopping, spent a night at a beautiful country seat, and had a ride through Epping Forest, where we half expected to meet Robin Hood!!

The Channel was calm, and we crossed in comfort. We pushed right on to Paris, crossed the city, travelled all night, reaching Claren the following day.

We spent five happy days in Switzerland, visiting Geneva, the Castle of Chillon, going up the Rhone for a picnic and up a mountain as far as we could in a tram. The scenery was beautiful, and we have many charming pictures on memory's walls.

From Claren we went to Vienna where we spent one night and then on to Constantinople. While passing through European Turkey, the oppression, poverty and spiritual condition of the people seemed almost more than I could bear, and I wanted to turn back. I spent a week in Constantinople with Dr. and Mrs. Gates at Robert College. I also visited the American College. The views on the Bosphorus are fine.

The Black Sea was almost like glass. Upon landing at Samsoun, we found our servant and good driver waiting for us.

Mrs. Margot, wife of our French professor, and I travelled alone from Constantinople to Harpoot. Our driver was an earnest Christian, and our servant was faithful; and both tried to help us as much as possible. Of course, we had a guard from the government, but he was more ornamental than useful!

I have always wished to travel in Turkey in the Spring or early Summer. How we did enjoy each day's ride. The scenery was varied. Sometimes, we crossed mountains that were covered with scrub oak; again

We rode for hours across a plain, then we
among bare mountains and enjoyed the
wild grandeur. Such fields of wheat as we
had seen!

As we rode along, we had many
of spiritual talk with the driver or we
each other. Day by day, a greater
and longing for the souls about us
filled our hearts.

After travelling two weeks in Turk
we reached dear old Harpoot, and we
a welcome home.

We arrived just in time for the
closing exercises of the school. Eleve
girls received diplomas.

There seems to be many encou
aging signs in the school, and we a
longing for a spiritual awakenin

There are many who are longi
and praying.

During the year, a boarder die
now a day-pupil has just gone. Bo
Both died triumphant deaths.

Now we are busy planning fo
the work of the new year. Do pray
much for us.

Yours-
Mary L. Daniels

Harpoot, July 20, 1905

Harpoot, Jan 24, 1906

The Lord has been very near us all the year. Even before the opening of the work in September there was a growing desire in our hearts for more of Christ's presence. We all felt that Christ must bless our work, that we could not continue unless many souls were saved. Time strengthened this desire. One of our own Pastors, who had been in Oorfa for several years, returned to us, filled with the Spirit and a burning love for souls. Little circles for prayer were formed in the school, among the missionaries and people. The Spirit worked quietly in hearts. Individuals drew near the Lord in a deeper consecration. Souls were born into the Kingdom; and there was much searching of heart.

Just at the blessed Christmas time, the Lord called our Mrs. Carey to the Heavenly home. Her death touched many; as she was dearly loved, and was doing a great work for the poor women.

A few days afterwards, an evangelist from America came to us. He was an angel sent from the Lord. Hearts had been prepared and he led many into the light.

He has been with us three weeks, and has worked in the city and villages. Many of the pupils, orphans and others have given themselves to the Lord. There is a different spirit all about us. People are ready and anxious for spiritual conversation. There have been many confessions and restitutions.

A father and son, who had not spoken for eighteen years, have been reconciled.

A drunkard has given himself to the Lord and is working for others. Girls and boys have gone to their homes, filled with a desire to work for souls. Parents testify that their children are much changed. Groups of boys visit the villages to work for souls. Bands hold daily neighborhood meetings in various quarters of the city and in the orphanages.

The girls are planning to work for the women in the city and villages. The women, at their missionary meeting, decided to call from house to house and hold meetings.

It is a great joy to hear the testimonies of the young converts and to see their shining faces; but we feel that there has been only a few drops of blessing

us long and pray for the whole city to be moved, and that waves of blessing may flow to all the villages.

During these vacation days, we have called on many friends in the city. It is easy and natural now to speak of Jesus and His love. There is a great longing and hunger in hearts. Tears flow from the eyes as the women talk of their Savior, but there are still many hardened hearts and some who ridicule.

We are praying for the outpouring of the Spirit in such a way that He may be glorified and that all hearts may be drawn to Him.

Pray that we may know how to nurture these young Christians and to lead many to Him. Pray that Christ may live in us and work through us so that it may be Christ for us to live.

Yours with joy and gratitude,

Mary L. Daniels

RECD APR 16 1906

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Several weeks ago, we wrote you of the awakening in the school. At that time, the girls begged us to find some spiritual work for them to do in the city and villages. It was not easy to arrange for this work as Oriental girls have but little liberty. We asked the Bible-woman and the native teachers to suggest necessary places in the city to which it was safe and proper for the girls to go. Before they started out the first time, we called them together and the Bible-woman gave them a helpful talk. Then after a prayer, we sent them out to try to win souls to the Lord. They have regular places to which they go, twice a week. Some women are taught to read the Bible. Some of the girls visit aged women or those who are blind, and read comforting passages to them. One girl visits a blind woman who has not heard a prayer for eight years! She said that the coming of the girl was like the coming of an angel.

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To-day, we have marked and arranged one hundred Armenian texts — texts

he learned to chere women and girls as soon as they can read a little.

Almost every Sunday several girls teachers visit one or more villages for meetings with the women. To-morrow, a man & and a girl from the Preparatory School, with the uncle of the former, expect to walk to a village three miles away, hold a meeting and walk back to the school. A teacher and a Senior will go to another village.

Every Sunday, several girls teach in the Sunday School in the other quarter of the city. Once a week, a Senior goes with Mrs. Ketchum to a meeting in another part of the city. These meetings for women are held each week, in different parts of the city. The work that our girls are doing makes them very happy. They return to us with glowing faces. Will you not pray that they may really win souls for Christ?

A few weeks ago, I went to a near village with a teacher and one of the girls. An orphan had just started the girls' school, and she was very homesick, poor child! The Lord spoke to the women and their hearts were tender. One aged woman touched me and I turned to ask her what she wished. She said, "I wished to touch the hem of your dress." Her words keep ringing in my ears. Oh! that she might touch Christ and become whole.

Last week, I spent a few days in another village. I was all alone among the women. I heard and saw much to make my heart ache. The women have so little to

cheer and uplift that it is no wonder that some live far from Christ. I visited another village in which there are no Protestants. Thirty years ago, a bride from a Protestant home went to the village; but she, too, soon became careless and worldly. She is the only woman who can read and she has had no Bible since the massacre! How the tears rolled down her cheeks as she heard again the familiar words. A crowd of children, women and men came in; and they were very quiet as I told them of the Friend of friends who would always abide with them. I promised to go again soon for a Sunday meeting. I was asked to see a sick woman who screamed and swore as she lay in bed. Sunday, I had meetings in two villages. At the first meeting, the women confessed and prayed earnestly, and promised to work for souls. In the second village they said, "We have heard the Gospel for thirty years, but we are children three months old." There has been real work among them this winter. In this latter village, was a blind girl whose face was filled with Christ's own peace. Her prayer was full of thanksgiving and praise.

I am impressed more and more by the great need among the women. There are many open doors. Pray that our teachers, girls and we, ourselves, may be able to go out and tell our sisters of Christ's love.

Yours, in the Master's service,

Mary L. Daniels

Mary L. Daniels

to Turkey. Mar. 23-1906

Ans'd APR 16 1906

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Harpoot, March 23.

Dr. Barton -

It was very
ad to receive your
r. Even though
had had a long
urney.

I have sent my
eral letters to
. Barton, so you
kept in touch
th my work.
e interest in the

school made us very happy, though it left us tired.

It is an encouraging feature that so many of our girls wish to work for others.

Twenty or more boarders have asked to join the church.

The teachers are growing in spirituality and look for souls. To-night, they meet in my room and Rev. Riggs will bring over the phonograph.

This Sunday, 4

expect to go to Salem with Mr. Carey. Perhaps you remember that there is no work there and that they have been bitter and persecuted any one who tried to help them. One of the brethren from Worcester wrote me to Salem for a meeting and they asked me to go for a Sunday.

I do want to understand the needs of the women more fully so that I may

be able to help o
girls prepare to go o
to work for them
A class of girls
will graduate in Ja
I do pray that they
may have a deep t
for souls.
I am glad that
am right here in Ja
Paul that I am ji
where He wants m
be.
With much lov
Mrs. Burton.
Yours.
Mary L. Da

Mary L. Daniels

Harpoot, Aug. 15, 1906

REC'D SEP 10 1906

Dear Dr. Barton -

Your letters have been real help and comfort to me - and I thank you for writing.

Yes, I do feel more and more confident that it is my duty and privilege to go out to the villages as often as possible. My trip to Arabkir and Egin increased the feeling. I saw what

an opportunity a teacher has of reaching the Gregorians through her pupils.

I shall try to plan my work this year with that in view. Miss Platt feels as I do in the matter.

Miss Riggs has come into the school as one of the regular teachers. She has really taken Miss Hunting's place. There are four of us in the school: Misses Wilson, Riggs, Platt and Daniels.

I felt that the Lord would arrange about Miss Allen and He has done so. When we do trust Him, He does better for us than we can ask, think or plan.

There will be many changes in teaching force, this coming year. We have had many applications to receive new girls.

I hope to send the school-report ere long. (Report inclosed.)

Vacation has

seemed short and there still remains much to do before school opens.

It is our prayer and longing that our girls and teachers may be richly blessed this year. The women are so needy and I do long for our girls to be prepared and ready to go out with great love + longing to win souls. Pray for us.

With much to Mrs. Barton,

M. L. Daniels

DEC 30 1907

Daniels

Harpoot, Turkey, Nov. 27, 1907.

Winter has come early this year. Our first snow fell Nov. 5th. It was deep enough for the men to clean off the roofs. Piles of snow remained in the street for a week. People were unprepared for the sudden change and there was much suffering. Many have not been able to put in their winter supplies. Prices are at least double what they usually are. For instance, bread, that was half a cent is now a cent for the same quantity. Almost everything is in the same proportion. How the people are to live through the winter we do not know. Then, too, there is unrest all through the land among the Koords.

The emigration to America still continues. Last week two of our graduates started and many are planning to go. What will the end be?

Our hearts have been cheered and encouraged by the visits of Mr. and Mrs. Platt and their daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Hicks. The Platts accompanied their daughter, Mrs. Carey, when she returned from her summer in Europe. They were here for a month. Oh, how we enjoyed seeing new faces, new clothing! Their enthusiasm and consecration gave us an uplift. Mr. and Mrs. Hicks were with us only four days, but they pushed all the time. Their earnest words helped many.

Our school burdens are heavy this year. Two of our last year's teachers have married,-Miss Wilson and Miss Platt. Mrs. Carey still continues to help in the school, but we need two more American teachers. Who will come to our aid? It is a blessed work, full of daily recompense and joy.

Eight of our native teachers have come to us for the first time, but all are faithful and enthusiastic.

Many of the boarders are new girls. We never had so many changes in our school before. God has helped us in a special way and school has moved on easily.

During the first weeks we had much sickness; nothing serious, but some girl was out of school each day. A Danish nurse has come to assist Dr. Atkinson in his infirmary and she will care for the sick in the school. This is a great relief.

Our 93 boarders come from 26 cities and villages. This work is very dear to me. A girl comes from a village, becomes educated, visits her home now and then, other girls see the change, she creates a new atmosphere in her home. Then she can reach the village girls and women as no one else can, because she knows all their cares, sorrows and circumstances.

I must tell you about one girl who came to us this year. When I saw her I was dismayed, she seemed so old and unpromising. When I knew her history I felt rebuked. She is the daughter of a widow. Her mother was too poor to buy her books, slate and pencil, so taught her to read and write using a burnt match. As soon as she could read a little she gathered the neighbors' children and taught them all she knew. She herself studied at the same time. She has never attended school in her life, but she has taught for several years. Now she comes to us to take the Kindergarten Training Course. Do you not think that such a girl should be helped? Several times she has come to me for spiritual conversation. The first time she was in tears for her sins. Another time she wrote out an earnest prayer to read. Since then she has prayed in public.

Two weeks ago a sweet orphan came to us. She had such a desire for education that she often rose at night to pray that she might

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come to Harpoot. God heard her prayer. Now she is daily growing happier, and the tired, worried expression is fading out of her face.

They are such dear girls and there are such untold possibilities hidden away in each life that I long to bring out the best in them.

One dear girl prayed last Sunday in my room, "I thank Thee, Lord, that Thou hast visited our school." She voiced what I have been feeling. The Lord is in our midst. In a quiet, natural way girls are realizing their sins and are being brought to the Lord. As they gather in meetings or come to my room I see a new tenderness and solemnity. Character and life are changing.

Last night a girl came to me and said that she gave herself to the Lord last Sunday evening. Her whole face and manner seem changed. I am so glad, and I pray that the work may be very deep and true.

Last spring our girls began to take up a collection in Sunday School. This fall we sent one of our number to open a school in a new village. The school girls pay what the people cannot. She is our representative and the girls are feeling responsible for her and her success. Last week they sent her a watch (costing only $1.40) and some books.

Oh, there are so many opportunities for work, and there is such joy in the work. Pray that the Lord may abide in our midst and that from the school rivers of blessing may flow to all parts of this needy land.

Mary L. Daniels

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Harpoot, Turkey, February 17, 1908.

Dear Friends:

Our winter is drawing to its close. There has been and is much suffering. Many sad stories came to my knowledge when I was selling tickets for this term.

A woman has been deserted by her husband and has come to the city to earn her living. She has one dear little girl. The mother is quiet and refined and works wherever she can. Another woman with a sad, sad face came to me for help. She has three daughters to put in school. When the last baby came she was tempted to kill it that she might have one less to feed. She said, "Please, please give me work that my girls may come to school. They cry and cry."

A little baby came to the home of one of our pupils. The mother had no clothing ready for the little stranger because she was so poor.

This week a little boy with a sweet, sad face came to me for a ticket. They lived in a village across the river. His father was in debt to a Turk. This man brought the father to the city that he might work to pay his debt. The boy was dressed in tatters. A ticket was given him and now clothes must be supplied.

A tall, slender, sweet village girl, with her mother, moved to Harpoot. She went from house to house beseeching us to help her into school. The mother begged us for work. How can I find work for so many? Oh, how I wish I could! Finally she was helped into school. The other day I visited her room. Her class-mates are much smaller than she. She wore her mother's dress, which was much too long for her.

A woman came to our house to beg for wood. She said, "I have had no washing for weeks and weeks; I cannot endure it any longer." Another woman ripped up her bed, filled with rags, to make a fire for washing.

A little boy was heard to say to his mother, "Is there no food for us? Must we always eat bread only and be hungry? His mother, with tears running down her cheeks, begged me to wait a few weeks for the 22 cents that I asked for her daughter's tuition.

During vacation, Takoohee (Queen), daughter of one of our physicians, was married to a teacher from our boys' school. She was all in white,-dress, gloves, veil,- the latter being fastened with a beautiful rose. She wore no jewels. She made a pretty bride. The ceremony was in our large school room. A few of us spent a happy evening at the new home.

A few days later our faithful kindergarten teacher, Marta, was publicly engaged to a young teacher. Her home is in a near village. Her father has been our head carpenter for years. As this was his last daughter he made a great feast. The men sat in one room and the women in another. At an old-fashioned engagement the friends met and the ceremony was performed in the absence of the young man and girl.

Several of the girls who are teaching in the villages came "home" for a few days. Most of them are enthusiastic and happy in their work. Oh, how their faces shone as they told of their schools! One of the trustees froma village came to call. He said, "You must love our village very much, you always send us such good teachers."

One of our pastors came to me with a beaming face to tell of his work during the Week of Prayer. There had been much coldness and he had been discouraged, but the Spirit had touched hearts and there were many conversions, also additions to the church.

One of our orphans is doing a sweet work in a village. In our school she was quiet and diffident; now she goes from house to house trying to persuade the women to accept Christ.

Last year there was a girl in school with bright red cheeks who seemed well and strong. Now she has been ill for months and there is no hope for her. Another girl from the same class a few months ago came to say goodbye. The whole family started for America in the winter. This girl died at Samsoun. Our girls have been much moved by these two circumstances.

The Sunday School lessons, too, have been searching. Last Sunday, as it was the Day of Prayer for Colleges, the latter part of the time was given up to personal work in each class. This week I have had several tender talks with girls. I know of three who this week have given themselves to the Lord. One girl is too bashful to speak aloud usually, but she told of her hope in a strong voice and asked for prayer. Another girl was troubled for hours, but her happiness now is very evident and her whole face and manner are changed.

Pray that the work may deepen in hearts and that many may accept Christ as their personal Saviour.

Yours truly,

Mary L. Daniels

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Harpoot, Turkey.
Dec. 3. 1907

Dear Dr. Barton -

I am glad to think of you as at the Rooms again.

I am sending you a copy of the School Report and of a general letter that I am sending out.

We have much for which to be thankful in the school, even though our ranks are so depleted.

Miss Riggs came to us at the right time. She is an enthusiastic teacher and very faithful in her work.

Mrs. Carey still continues the superintendence of the

Kindergarten and her teacher in the Training Class. The girls in her class number ten, and they are bright and eager to learn. There is a call for educated Kindergarten teachers. All the girls from the last class have work.

One has opened a Kindergarten in Harlan.

✓ Miss Riggs and I weigh more than ever before in our lives. Hard work agrees with us!!

✓ We much need two teachers: one for this Wilson place and one for the work in the Kindergarten.

I do hope that two young ladies may come to us

in the spring.

Mrs. Margot gives singing and organ lessons. I think that she would be glad to be relieved from a part of her duties.

Miss Jacobsen, the Danish nurse, has taken the care of the sick.

Our Senior class consists of only seven girls. They are intelligent girls but not as mature as some classes. Two of them are my grand-daughters.

Our pupils are fewer in number than last year, because so many girls have left for America.

We are trying to raise

the standard and character of the College. There is really a better spirit in the College than for several years.

We give special training to the girls who expect to teach; thus the standard of the village schools is raised.

Forty one teachers and undergraduates are teaching outside of our Harpoot schools.

Six of the older teachers are taking a course in nursing with Dr. Kamboorian and Dr. Atkinson. They are so enthusiastic that sometimes I fear that the school-work may be

affected! 3 copies

We are much troubled by the high prices. I do not see how we can finish the year without a debt. We are very careful and eat more simple food - but the money just melts away. I do wish that some benevolent person would send two or three hundred dollars to the Boarding Department.

We feel that the Lord is working in hearts. Girls are giving themselves to the Lord. Others are living nearer Him.

Pray for us.

Yours -

Mary L. Daniels.

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Harpoot Turkey.
Feb. 27, 1908

Dear Dr. Barton.

I have written three times to the Woman's Board about teachers. Our need is really great. Last year, we lost seven or eight Armenian teachers because of emigration to America or matrimony. Two of our good workers have recently become engaged; no one knows how many may follow their example before summer. More than half of our teachers are young. Such teachers are enthusiastic but they lack experience and wisdom, of course.

If Mr. and Mrs. Carey should

go to Erzroum, it is imperative that we have a teacher for the Kindergarten. With the call for Kindergarten teachers, the girls in training for that work, and the schools already started, it does seem as if the work must be carried on.

Even if Mrs. Carey is here, a teacher should be in training to take her place. Her interests will more and more, be in the general work.

I do hope and pray that two teachers may be found who will come to us in the summer or in the early fall.

By being very careful, by giving up desserts &c, we finished last term and year without overdrawing

for the Boarding Department.
I am sure that I can carry the school through June, all right.

Until last summer I have had money enough to put in the fall supplies. Last year owing to high prices, I had to draw between twenty and thirty bias in advance. As prices are so high now, I am afraid that I shall have little money for the supplies. If I could be sure of one or two hundred dollars in case of an emergency, I should be so happy.

I feel that the work for the borders is the most important branch of our school. Teachers and nurses for

preachers come from the Boarding School.

We are giving special training to these girls - and many of them are doing good earnest work in villages & cannot turn away the boarders who are helpful. We did increase the price of board a quarter of a dia for each girl.

Miss Riggs and I are well - but are as busy as can be.

We have much for which to be thankful. The Lord is working quietly in many hearts. Pray for us.

With love for Mr. Barton.

Yours -

Mary L. Daniels.

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Harpoot, Turkey, Dec. 31, 1908.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

These last few years many of our good teachers have married. When planning for the work this summer I looked over the list of teachers and felt that we had not as good material as we have some years. But I have been very much pleased with the enthusiasm of the teachers. Most of them work hard in the preparation of their lessons and are eager to find new methods. Some of them read much in preparation for their school work. There is a good spirit among the teachers and they are earnest workers. I think sometimes that a younger teacher, or one who has newly graduated, is more eager for the work and is more willing to serve than some who have grown old in the service. But I should be very sorry to lose our oldest teachers. We have sixteen native teachers, and besides these seven or eight teachers or professors from the boys' school come in for lessons.

This year Mrs. Margot is in Switzerland and we miss her help in the school. Miss Riggs has taken the singing lessons that Mrs. Margot taught. Most of the music lessons are given by native teachers. When Mrs. Margot and Baron Samuel return this department will be strengthened and we shall have better work.

Miss Catlin has taken up the study of the language very enthusiastically and I judge that she is doing very well. Not long ago she attended a public service and when she returned she said, "I understood fourteen words." That was several weeks ago and of course she understands much more now. She also has two lessons a day in the school. She has taken some of the English work in order that Miss Riggs may take up the work in singing. We expect that Mrs. Margot will return to us in the spring and take up her work in music again.

We hope very much that a kindergarten teacher can be sent out to us. Mrs. Carey is expecting to go to America before long on a furlough and of course we need some one to take up the work and be associated with her before she leaves. This need is especially imperative because Miss Riggs may go on her furlough next year. She is tired and really needs a change.

At the beginning of the year the changes in Turkey affected the school. The girls had an idea that liberty meant freedom from all restraint, and we kept hearing reports in the city that the girls said that there was freedom in all parts of Turkey except in the girls' school and they were slaves. To illustrate the feeling, a little boy in the street took out his knife, opened it upon a little girl, and said, "There

is freedom now and I can kill you and I will kill you." Just then his mother overheard him and took him into the house and gave him a sound whipping. The girls now have quieted down and I think really understand what freedom means, and they are very happy in their work.

We have sixteen girls in the Senior class. Only four of these girls are boarders and most of them are from Gregorian homes. I have them in Bible and Pedagogy. They are unusually bright girls but they have not the Christian training that many of our girls have. They have learned to love and study their Bibles. I feel that they will become leaders because there are so many open doors now, and it is my prayer that they may become Christian leaders.

In all parts of the land "lyceums" are starting up. Some of the city girls with several of our teachers have started a society for the girls and women in the city. They have meetings once a week. Their members are divided into committees. One committee raises money for the poor, another is the program committee, another works for the opening of schools for poor girls and women. Their purpose is to elevate the women and to do something for their own people. They are very enthusiastic. I feel that the great danger is that they will put progress ahead of Christianity, though their purpose is to keep Christianity first. Last week they gave the first entertainment that was organized and held on the part of the girls. Wheeler Hall was packed by an enthusiastic company. One of our professors showed pictures on the life of Christ, the girls of the city sang national songs, there was music by a graphophone and by the orchestra, and one of the male teachers gave a talk on the elevation of woman. A small admission fee was asked and this money is to be used for opening a kindergarten in this quarter of the city by a girl who is now studying in the training class.

I would like to say a word about the orphans who are in the boarding department. These orphans are picked girls, girls who wish to study to be teachers. When a girl has an offer of marriage she of course is allowed to decide for herself, but many times these offers have been refused, and these girls are very enthusiastic in their study and in the prospect of working for their own people. I feel stronger and stronger that a village girl can help village girls and women as no one else can.

The poverty of the people is on the increase so that many girls have to be helped a little, and of course these orphans are helped largely, though when a girl enters the high school or college she has to pay a small sum herself towards her board, and the college girls are

required to clothe themselves.

This last summer we had calls to supply teachers for Catholics and Gregorians as well as for Protestants. Some of these calls we could not fill. For years I have been trying to train up teachers so that we shall be able to meet the demand. Of course after a few years of service the girls marry, so we must have a new supply every year. After next year, as the two higher classes are large classes, I feel sure that we shall have teachers enough to meet the demand, even allowing for those who drop out for marriage or for going to America. If it were not for these orphan girls we should not be able to supply the need in the villages. Most of the girls who have gone out to teach have done very good work and have come back with great enthusiasm to continue their college course. Some of our strongest college girls and most earnest workers are orphans.

Last summer a girl returned to us who was not an orphan but who had been helped. She had taught two years. Because prices were so high, when she came back to me in the summer she had no money and I helped her during the summer, giving her work, and I had to supply her with clothes as she went out to teach this fall. But I feel that the help given her was a good investment. When her mother brought her to the school and committed her to me years ago, before reaching the city they knelt down under a mulberry tree and the mother consecrated the girl to the Lord and to His work, and the girl is doing her part nobly for the elevation of the girls and women. She is not a brilliant girl and will never graduate, but she makes a fine pioneer teacher and I feel that it has paid to help her, and it does pay to train these girls to become workers.

These girls are supporting, as last year, one of their own number who has opened a school in a little village in which there has been no school. There was one Protestant woman in this village. She begged for a teacher. She said that if the village people were not willing to give the board, she herself would give the board of a girl if she would come and open a school. So we sent one of our orphan girls, and our girls, through their Sunday collections, are supporting her.

Two or three years ago our Christian Endeavor Society was merged into a Christian Association. We have been very much pleased with the spirit of the girls in this Association this year. Some of the most earnest and consecrated members are orphans who were teaching last year and have come back to us with love for souls. We have had some very earnest meetings this year. One week there was an experience meeting

without a leader. Each girl seemed to feel that the Great Leader was present, and they opened their hearts and told of how the Lord had helped them. This last week we had a meeting about soul-winning. The Spirit was present in the room. The girls were perfectly quiet as they felt their great responsibility and that they had not done all they should have done for souls. On the prayer meeting committee there are girls who are real "prayer warriors." They are praying and working that the spirit of prayer may deepen in the school and that souls may turn to the Lord, and week by week we can see that their prayers are being answered.

This fall we have had more sickness than usual. There has been no severe sickness but almost every day several girls have been out of school on account of sickness. At present we have two girls in the infirmary under the care of Miss Jacobsen. Miss Riggs has the care of the sick in the house. With her is associated one of the native teachers and a girl who has the personal oversight of the sick.

Of course you have heard of the great suffering in all parts of the land. Our school girls and some of the teachers raised $28 to be used for the poor, and besides this our boarding girls denied themselves one meal a day in order that they might give more money.

Last spring I wrote you about the fear that I had that I should not be able to finish the year without a debt. This fall it was with great difficulty that we could put in our supplies. For instance, our supply of wood has not been fully put in yet. I have just finished putting in my own wood. I closed this last school year and put in the supplies that I could put in during the summer without a debt, and by the greatest economy on the part of everyone we shall close this term without a debt, and possibly with a surplus of $10 or $12, possibly $20. I feel very happy to be able to say this, but we have counted the paras in order to do it. It was a great comfort last year to feel that if I were in a tight place I might ask for more help. I do not know of course about the expenses this spring. As I said, we have not yet put in our full supply of wood, and wood now is twice what it usually is, so possibly during the summer we may not have quite money enough to put in the usual supplies, but unless prices are very much higher than they are now I think we can get along without getting much behind. You remember Avedis, do you not? He and the matron have worked with me very loyally in order to keep the bills down.

I think we all feel, and the feeling deepens in our hearts, that with all the new opportunities, with all the talk of progress and liberty, unless the Christian life is deepened in our leaders, in our

pupils, that Christianity will be thrust aside; and so I ask you to pray, and ask others to pray for us that the Christian life in our own selves and in our teachers and in our pupils may day by day deepen, that we may all be soul-winners.

Yours,

Mary L. Daniels.

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Harpoot, Turkey, March 19, 1909.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

At the close ofthe Annual Meeting the reports were sent to the Rooms and I supposed at that time the report was sent to you, but when I wrote to you I slipped in a report thinking that possibly you had not seen it, and I was very glad that I did so.

This winter has been a hard winter. We have lost one of our most faithful teachers. I send you a little account of her life. She was an earnest, consecrated teacher, one who worked individually with the girls. She was very quiet in all that she did but she was a great help. During the last two or three years she has helped me more or less in my Armenian correspondence, often writing in my room. Just a few days before her death the doctor assured me that she would be well in a few days. This was just at the opening of school. Owing to the pressure of work during those last three days I did not see her, so when Friday morning, after school opened, word came that she had died, it was a great shock to us all. The teachers felt especially her death because the doctor had forbidden people to see Anna so they had not seen her since she left school. During the vacation I went to her house several times, and I have always been so glad that the last time I went to see her I prayed with her. No one can ever fill her place in the school, but we have re-arranged the work and things are going on. Last fall one of the male teachers started to study in Beyrout but on account of ill health he returned and just at this time he was taken back into the school, so that he could take some of Anna's lessons. She had charge of the large Varzharan and Gurtaran and was very successful in her management of the girls and they were very fond of her.

After Anna's death one of our boarders who had not been well for a number of weeks grew worse and the doctor said that she could not recover but that her death would not be immediate. She had a great desire to return to her home in Malatia and Prof. Vorperian and others strongly urged that we send her. He found an arabaji who was willing to take her and I found two women to go with the girl. Before she reached Malatia she became unconscious but she lived twenty-four hours after reaching her home, though she did not speak. I have sometimes wondered whether it was the wisest thing for us to do, though we prayed that the Lord might lead and the doctor gave the deciding vote. The sending of the girl home made a very good impression on the people because they felt that we did all that we possibly could for the girl.

Very soon after her death one of our bright primary children, a day pupil, died. During all this time there was much sickness in the city, and the sickness with the poverty wore on our hearts. These deaths touched the girls very much and they have been in a very tender state. Many of the girls who had grown a little cold have drawn nearer the Lord, and some have given themselves to the Lord, and I feel that perhaps the Lord answered our prayers in this way.

I have mentioned our large class of seniors, sixteen, and that most of them are Gregorians. We have been studying the Life of Christ,- Christ as the Teacher, and I can see a deepening desire for Bible study and a love for spiritual things among the girls. Many of them I feel have grown much in their spiritual lives this year. Many of them still have not reached the point of fully consecrating themselves to the Lord and His work, but I feel that He is working in their hearts.

Miss Riggs has been and is very tired. She is planning to take her vacation as soon as school closes in the summer. Miss Catlin is very busy in language study and seems to be doing well. She is rather frail and I think will not be able to work as hard as some, though she is very, very faithful and conscientious about everything that she does.

I have written in several letters about the need of a kindergarten teacher. We feel this need more and more. Mrs. Carey plans to go on her furlough a year from this summer. This next year there will be no kindergarten training class. If a kindergarten teacher could come out with Mrs. Browne this summer then she could be associated with Mrs. Carey for one year while she is studying the language and could help us in many ways, especially if she is musical, as I hope she will be. We shall need someone to teach singing in the College if Miss Riggs goes to America and Mrs. Margot should not return. If Baron Samuel Hachadourian returns to us we can arrange for him to take the singing if there is no lady who can take it, but if a kindergarten teacher should come out perhaps she could take that one lesson. I feel that this need is very imperative and we are hoping and praying that just the right one may come. Mrs. Carey has a class of ten girls who graduate this June. There is a great call for kindergarten teachers in different parts of the field. For instance, the women in Egin have been raising money for the gifts and are planning to have a kindergarten teacher. This week Mrs. Carey is sending three liras worth of material for the kindergarten that they hope to open next fall. There has also been a call from Hulakegh and other places. Besides the kindergarten work in the city, and the training of a class as soon as she has the language, of course there are these schools in the field to supervise, and there is a great field for just the right person.

I spoke about the earnest spirit in the school. This has been very noticeable in the meetings and the spirit of the Christian Association. Many girls have joined the society and they are working as I think they have not for several years. The prayer meeting committee has been especially earnest. They have had a real spirit of prayer and have been burdened for others. They meet once or twice a week and I think that the Lord has answered their prayers by working in the hearts of the girls. This week we had a missionary meeting about the schools of Turkey. It was in charge of the president of the intermediate society. This teacher and the girls had entire charge and we had a very interesting meeting. At the close it was touching when Mrs. Barnum said a few words about the first boarding school that was started in her father's house in Constantinople, and she led the girls to see the great changes that have taken place for the education of women since that day.

The unrest and uneasiness and disinclination to keep rules that troubled us at the beginning of the year have entirely passed away. Of course there are exceptions. We had an exception this week. For the last few years we have required entering examinations to the College. A few weeks ago we told the first class in the high school that such examinations would be given at such dates. They came and asked to be excused from these examinations, and I laughingly told them that we had decided that there should be examinations and could not change our decision. The day of the first examination the girls were sent to their room and I went to visit some of the classes in the primary school. After an hour

I returned to my room and was met by the news that these girls had not given their examination and the teacher was waiting for me. I went to the room and the girls were ready to rebel. They were very determined not to give the examination. I talked with them, prayed with them, and gave them a number of minutes in which to decide. Some of the girls very soon yielded and sat down ready for the examination. When the time was up I started for the door and said that those who were not ready to take the examination might come with me. When they saw that I really meant what I said and that it was a more serious matter than they thought, they all sat down ready for the examination. Some of the faces were still sullen so I talked with them a little longer, prayed with them again, and then I had them stand and we had gymnastics for a few minutes and it all passed off in a laugh and they gave their examination very lovingly. But for a few minutes things did look dark and I did not know but the whole class would have to leave the school.

The other evening the teachers of the boarding school had a meeting and we especially felt burdened for the girls who are not doing their best. We went over the whole list of girls and talked about each girl, and then the different teachers volunteered to take different girls for whom to work especially. There are a few girls in the boarding school who have not the best influence, and I think that during these last weeks we must work for them very earnestly and then if they are not drawn nearer the Lord it would be better for some of them not to return to the school.

Just this last week we received a new boarder who is one of my "grand-daughters," her mother graduating in the third class after my arrival in Harpoot. She is a very bright girl, sixteen years old, and she looks up with such a twinkle in her eye that it is very entertaining to watch her.

Yesterday we had a meeting of the Faculty of the College to decide about Commencement. For two years we have had speakers, but now many feel that on account of liberty the pupils would prefer very decidedly to read essays, so it was decided to have one Commencement, the girls and boys graduating together, and to allow six boys and four girls to read essays. There are 33 boys and, as I said, 16 girls to graduate.

For the last month I have not been quite as well as usual. I think the sorrow of the death of our teacher and girls affected me, and then I was tired from work. But I am feeling very much better now and am hoping that during the Easter vacation I can take a little trip and so be strong for the rest of the year. I really am very well and strong only I have been a little tired during these last months.

Will you not pray that in the school there may be a spirit of love, of God's love, and that this love in our hearts may draw the girls to Christ?

Yours,

Mary L. Daniels

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A BEAUTIFUL LIFE

In the city of Egin thirty-eight years ago a little girl was born. She was named Anna. Her parents were Gregorians and poor. When she was six years old she began to attend the school in her own city. She had a great thirst for learning and was the first in her class. Her grandmother was a Protestant. Little by little her mother, sister, and Anna herself were persuaded to become Protestants, but her father still remained a Gregorian.

The mother had a great desire to send her daughter to Harpoot to study, but her father was opposed. At this time Mr. Browne and Miss Bush went to Egin on a tour. Through their efforts she was received at Harpoot, to the great joy of her mother. All the mother's friends persecuted her because she had sent her daughter to Harpoot. They said, "Why do you send your girl to such a distant place and leave her among the mountains?" For years the relatives and neighbors treated the mother badly for sending her daughter to Harpoot and for accepting Protestantism. The father brought Anna to school and committed her to Dr. Barnum saying, "She is now your daughter." A few days after reaching Harpoot Anna wrote to her mother, "You sent me here but I cannot stay in this place. I rise early in the morning. They have given me a large place to sleep. I wish to come home." The mother read the letter secretly but said nothing to her husband or relatives. She told her grief only to the deacon so that he could go for Anna. He said, "Wait forty days, then I will go for her." Only a week or two after the first letter Anna wrote thus, "I thank you that you sent me here. I am now very happy. I am learning much. They take beautiful care of me."

During the last of her course in College she taught half a day and studied half a day. A few weeks before her graduation her father and six-year-old sister died in the same week. The people of Egin wished her to teach for them but she accepted an invitation to teach in the College. Upon the death of her father she assumed the care of her mother and sister. After the massacres she brought them to Harpoot, lived with them, and cared for them in every way. The friends who had been so bitter when she was first sent to school now said to the mother, "Her father is dead, you will now enjoy the benefit of your daughter's work."

In school she was a faithful, earnest and consecrated teacher, full of love for her pupils and for their souls. On one of her last days she told a class of girls, "I wish to talk to each one of you individually."

She was taken ill just before the Christmas vacation. All that loving friends could do for her was done. One day she said, "Mother, in the room I see others. One, a beautiful person, is talking with you. He has come to heal me." Often she said, "Lord, heal me if it is Thy will." Just before death she said, "Sister, sing 'Nearer my God to Thee.'" During all her sicknes her thoughts were about the school and her dear girls. Only an hour before she went Home she tried to tell another teacher about a school duty. Her death was a great shock to us all. Her mother and sister were completely prostrated. The girls were inconsolable in their grief.

Just before sunset we had a simple service in Wheeler Hall nducted by President Riggs. Teachers and girls spoke lovingly and preciatively of her life and work. She was with us as teacher or pil for twenty-four years. For sixteen years she was one of our best achers. We need her, and oh how we miss her!

Her life has left a beautiful influence on the girls. Many e trying to follow the Master in her steps. The girls say of her:- he was loving, sympathetic, humble, self-sacrificing." 'She was a rker for souls and a true Christian." "Her prayers were simple con- rsations with God." "She had a mother's love and pity for us." "She ver allowed us to talk against a person in her presence." "She showed our faults but she did not wish another to know our faults." "In ass she was teacher but in conversation she was companion." "She was ke a violet blossoming in the shade, but her sweet fragrance is not ad and will live forever." "She has gone to the Heavenly Jerusalem d is calling me to a higher life."

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord ..... for their works follow with them."

From Miss Mary L. Daniels Harpoot.

JUN 26 1909

Harpoot, Turkey, May 3, 1909.

Dear Friends:-

I have just returned from a four weeks' trip. The year has been a hard one and I felt the need of a change.

The first night I spent at the house of one of our oldest pastors. He is a spiritual man and has done much to win others to the Lord. I found that the secret of his success is in his love for and study of the Bible. One of his sons, who is also one of our teachers, is studying music in Germany. It was sweet to have the children of this son sing a hymn the music and words of which had been composed by their father. The teacher of the girls' school is one of our orphans. A few years ago she came to us in utter destitution. She has since graduated from the high school and has taught this year, doing good work "in His Name." She hopes to continue her course in the fall.

The second night I was the guest of a Protestant friend in a city by the Euphrates. Years ago the city was prosperous, having 6000 houses. At that time the center of Government of this Province was at this place, and there was also work in the silver mines. The mines have been closed, the Government has been removed, and the city is in ruins, only 250 houses remaining. There are only three Protestant families but they hold little meetings by themselves. It touched me to see how strong the faith of the leader was.

The next day I crossed the Euphrates and then rode for hours with my servant, not seeing anyone. As the roads were muddy I was late in reaching Arabkir, and so missed the friends who came out to meet me. I received a very loving welcome and spent several happy days. Many of the people are poor and there has been much suffering all the year. Money has been sent by friends in Europe and America and relief has been given. The teacher of the girls' school is one of our orphans, as is also the kindergarten teacher. I enjoyed their schools very much. Everyone spoke lovingly of their work. The teacher of the Gregorian school is a graduate of the College and was one of our orphans. She has had a sad experience. She graduated in June. A few days after she reached her home her eldest brother fell from a tree and lived only an hour. She is trying to make a home for her younger brothers.

In another village I visited a dear girl who graduated twenty years ago. Her life has been full of sorrow. Her husband was killed at the time of the massacres. She is now living in a small village and has a very sweet influence.

I spent three weeks in the city of Egin. Three of our graduates are living there. The people are refined and have loving homes. They have not cared much about the education of their daughters. The wife of the preacher teaches a few hours daily in the school and has meetings with the women, both Protestants and Gregorians. Now many mothers say, "I will send my daughter to the College."

I traveled from Egin to Aghun on a raft, a ride of six hours. (36 skins of goats were inflated with air and fastened together. Boards were laid on the skins and a very comfortable place was arranged for me.) It was a novel experience that I enjoyed hugely. The scenery was grand. As the raft whirled around on the eddies of the Euphrates the view was constantly changing. Friends were waiting for me at the landing (a pupil who was in the school thirteen years ago and her parents.) I had a happy ride to the village through green fields near gardens.

In Aghun I visited the school, received many callers and had a meeting with the women. The teacher is one of our girls whose mother consecrated her to the Lord to work for Him.

I reached Harpoot last Thursday. The girls went out to our Garden to meet me and I had a most loving welcome. The Lord led and cared for me in a most tender way. He made all the plans in such a definite way that I knew that He was leading me. He kept me in perfect peace while all about me there was fear and danger. I have come back to the school with a greater desire than ever to prepare the girls for the great work that is waiting for them when they go out into the world. Pray for us.

Yours,

Mary L. Daniels

JUN 28 1909

Harpoot, Turkey, May 31, 1909.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

I thank you very much for sending me "Daybreak in Turkey." I have not read it yet but have put it aside to read during the summer vacation. There is not very much time for reading during the school year.

My little trip to Arabkir and Egin did me much good. I am strong physically, and it was a great joy to see the good work that so many of our girls are doing in different places. We have a large normal class this year and the girls are quite enthusiastic in their preparations for teaching. Sixteen girls go out from the college and ten from the kindergarten training class. We never have sent out so many workers in one year before, and I think this is the first year that we have had teachers enough to meet the need.

Diroohi Varzhoohi, our oldest teacher, who has been with us for sixteen years, has asked for leave of absence for a year to visit other schools. We have not decided the matter yet; it will be brought up before the Managers this week Friday. I am very much in favor of her going. She is a faithful, consecrated teacher and she will be much broadened by a chance to see other schools. She will probably give her life to teaching and I think if the young men have the privilege of study and travel a young woman who consecrates her life to the work should have the same privilege. Another teacher, Yester Varzhoohi, has been in poor health all this year. I do not know whether she will be able to continue next year or not. She is one of our older teachers. Her brother, Dr. Kambourian, thinks that she should have a period of rest. This matter will also be decided this week. We American teachers have come to the conclusion that if Diroohi should leave it is best that we ask for a teacher from Marsovan to bring in new life from another place. This matter has not been decided yet but will also be brought up at the Managers' meeting.

Next year I think the work will be in some ways harder for me than this year, with Miss Riggs away and with our oldest native teacher away, though I favor this teacher's going for the sake of the school. The younger teachers are very enthusiastic and very willing to work and I am sure that we can arrange in some way. The Lord has led and He will lead.

Just now applications are coming in for teachers for village schools and it takes great wisdom and care to select teachers for the different places. Not only are people asking for teachers but they are asking for wives! I help in the selection of teachers but I never help

in the selection of a wife. While I was away I was told several times, "Now my son is going to Harpoot at Commencement time and you will help him to find a good wife, won't you." The other day two villagers came to my room and they had their minds fixed on a certain person as a wife for someone in America and they asked me to propose to the girl. I called her and she gave a very decided refusal.

I wish that all of our Seniors were earnest, consecrated Christians. They are very bright girls but many of them are from Gregorian homes and are still Gregorians, though I think that they are Christians. I am sure that they will make workers for they are very bright girls.

There are puzzling questions that come before us these days. I feel that we should drop out undesirable girls from the boarding department and from the college, that only those girls should remain in the boarding department and the college who have a prospect of being earnest workers for the Lord. It is a great question to know what is best, and I am feeling stronger and stronger that in the higher schools and in the home we should have selected girls. I feel that some who are in the school should not be here next year.

We have ten girls who graduate from the kindergarten training class. These girls are very earnest workers and I am sure that they will do a good work. There is a great call for kindergarten teachers. I was very much pleased when I was in Egin at the enthusiasm of the people. The city had been canvassed, money had been raised, gifts had been bought, chairs and other things are being made, and they have ordered an organ. This was all done by the people without any help from us. One of the girls who graduates, an orphan, has been called to take charge of the kindergarten there next year. We shall have no kindergarten training class next year because Mrs. Carey has only one year before her furlough. We do hope that if it is possible a kindergarten teacher will come out with Mrs. Browne that she may have one year of association with Mrs. Carey before the latter leaves.

Yours,

Mary L. Daniels

May 31-1909.

SEP 20 1909

Euphrates College,
Harpoot, Turkey.

Aug. 19. 1909

Dear Dr. Barton -

I am just sending out the College Report for the past year.

I am working on the program for the new year. God is leading and helping us to make new plans, even though we lose several teachers.

Each year, we try to make the College meet the needs of the land in a better way.

I have had a nice rest and my heart is strong for the duties that are waiting.

Every one is ready to help — and I am praying that this may be the best year in the history of the College.

With dear love for Mrs. Brenton —

Yours —

Mary L. Daniels

SEP 20 1909

Harpoot, Turkey, August 19, 1909.

Dear Dr. Barton:

Take it all in all this last year was a successful year, though a hard one. At the beginning of the year there was a little restlessness over the declaration of freedom, and toward the end of the year the Seniors were inclined not to accept the decision of the Faculty about the Commencement, and some of the girls left school for several days rather than yield. But soon they all accepted just what was decided and everything passed off very smoothly.

Early in June Miss Riggs left for her furlough. She had not been well during the year, and as the Knapps were going at that time we thought that she had better go too. Her going of course made it much harder for others. She is a very enthusiastic teacher.

At one of the meetings of the Managers it was voted to grant Dirochee, our head teacher, a year for travel. She wishes to visit the schools in Turkey, possibly also visiting Italy and the Holy Land. Yester Varzhoohee, another of our most experienced teachers, was obliged to undergo an operation during the last days of school and was not at all well during the year, so she has been granted a year's vacation on account of her health. Markarid Varzhoohee, another of our experienced teachers, has not been very strong and she will have an operation early this fall. Of course that means that she will be out of school several weeks. We looked to Constantinople for an American teacher and we wrote to Marsovan about an Armenian teacher. We have not been successful in either case. I have not made the program yet but I have been working on it and we can arrange most of the work quite satisfactorily. Of course there will be more burdens resting on myself. The missionary ladies very kindly have consented to help in the school in different lines, so I think that the work will go on. And we are making plans for new lines of work. It is my desire that every year the standard of the school should be raised, and I think we shall be able to follow on as we have been doing.

In June ten girls were graduated from the Kindergarten Training Class. Most of these girls have been secured as teachers. One has already begun her work. There is a great call for such teachers. I was just talking with Mrs. Carey now about three schools that have asked for teachers and there are only two girls that can possibly be found to teach. One place is a suburb of a Gregorian city. The people are willing to pay all the expenses if they can only have a kindergarten teacher. From the College fifteen girls were graduated. One of these has returned to Aintab to teach in the Seminary there. Three of the girls will teach in our own school. One since her graduation has been traveling in the Holy Land. Several are to teach in different cities and villages for the coming year.

We have had applications from many new girls. Several have been my "grand daughters." One of the latter is a very bright young girl with sparkling black eyes. Her mother was very bright and sweet and I am quite anxious to watch the development of the daughter. We have tried to "weed out" the girls, not accepting those whose influence has not been good. Several have been sent home not to return. One or two have been advised to stay at home for a year, and some have been warned. We are wishing more and more to accept into the boarding school only those girls who will go out and become workers. Of course for the first year or two it is hard to tell what capabilities a girl has. Often a girl developes very much after a year or two of study.

The other day one of our graduates who had taught for a year in a neighboring village came to talk to me about becoming a nurse. Her father before his death expressed a desire that she take up such work. Until now no educated person has felt drawn to that work, but our graduates and older girls are beginning to see what a blessing a nurse can be and I hope that some of them will be willing to consecrate their lives to this work.

During the vacation sixteen girls remained at the school. Some of these were from distant places and some were orphans who had no home. They have been very busy putting down the winter supplies and making curtains and couch covers, etc. One girl has been sick with typhoid fever, but thanks to the care of Dr. Ward and Miss Jacobsen she is almost well now and is about the house.

The Alumnae are very enthusiastic about a room for which they have given money. They are hoping to begin on that room this week. It is to be used as a guest and reading room. They are hoping to have quite a little library as well as an organ.

The teachers have been very helpful and enthusiastic. I have been able to close the year without a debt in the boarding department. It has been very hard work as prices are so high and it has been hard to secure the supplies. Usually our wood is all in by the last of June, but now the wood comes in little by little every day, and some of it is very small. The price of wheat has gone up within the last few days fifty cents for a certain quantity. Perhaps you will say, "Why did you not buy the wheat when the price was lower?" But there was none to buy, and the price will not go down, and we shall not be able to buy wheat until it comes in from Diarbekir. We are very anxious to prepare some of the wheat during the vacation. It is so much easier when the girls are able to work at it. The price of soap is three times what it usually is. The reason is that so much of the soap is made in the Aleppo and Adana regions and so many men were killed during the massacres that soap has not been made. We have tried to get some soap from Husenik. It is made there but it is not very satisfactory. Fortunately I have a supply for half the year but not enough for the whole year. It takes much thought and planning. Every day the matron and the steward come to me to talk over prospects and prices.

These days we are working on the program and we hope to have everything all arranged next week. We have not been able to finish the program earlier because we hoped to have help from other places, and we were not sure whether Badv. Vartan would come from Diarbekir or not. If he comes both he and his wife can help us in the school.

This summer there seems to be a longing in many hearts for more of nearness to Christ and more of His love for souls, and we are hoping that this year the Lord will bless the work abundantly and that many souls may turn to Him. Will you not pray that the teachers may come back to us having this one desire to win souls?

Yours-

Mary L. Daniels.

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Harpoot, Turkey,

October 7, 1909.

Dear Friends:

This is a year of changes in the school. Miss Riggs has gone to America on her furlough. Miss Dirochee Yulduzian, our oldest teacher, has been granted a year's vacation. She will observe the schools in Turkey and possibly visit Europe and Palestine. Mrs. Yester Astigian, another experienced teacher, has been granted a vacation because of her health. She is now much better than she was and is planning to go to America with her sister. Anna, a classmate of Dirochee, was called to the Heavenly Home during the last year. One of the young teachers resigned to go to Constantinople with her brother. Recent graduates have been invited to teach. The young teachers, though inexperienced, are very enthusiastic and helpful.

A sad accident happened to one of our teachers. She had been spending her vacation with friends in Haine and was on her way to Harpoot. After traveling nearly all night in the moonlight the party stopped to rest under some trees. A young boy drew his revolver "to shoot at birds." He aimed in fun at this teacher. She screamed and said, "I am afraid, do not fire." He replied, "It is not loaded," and shot her in the shoulder. She has not been able to return to her work yet. We were able to call in a substitute and the work has gone on.

Many new girls have come to us. Some have been out teaching; others came from different cities and villages. About half of the College girls are boarders. Of course some girls who were with us last year are not here now. Some graduated from the College, others from the Kindergarten Training Course. We are sending out fifteen or twenty undergraduates to teach. The people of the villages cannot afford and do not need graduates. Each year we have a Normal Class of girls who expect to be called to teach the following year. These girls go out to teach for a year or two and then return to finish their College course. All the girls who are out teaching now have been helped by friends in America. One is the daughter of a pastor. Both she and her father have lessons in the same school. Two would be Seniors if they had remained with us. Ten of the girls have taught before. Last year one of our girls opened work in a village in which there had been no school. This year the people were so anxious to have a teacher that they sent a man to Harpoot for one. He came all the way afoot, a distance of two days' journey. We are hoping to send out a girl to start work in another new village. A graduate of the Kindergarten Training Course was in my room. She spoke of her work with a beaming face. The people of her village are raising money to open a kindergarten.

There is a very sweet, earnest spirit in the school. Girls are working for others. They are forming little circles of prayer.

Harpoot Turkey Coll. Girls

NOV 3 1909

New members are coming into the Christian Association. Several girls wish to join the church. We have an unusually fine class of Seniors, seventeen dear girls. It is a great joy to stand before them and to see their appreciative eyes and to lead them to deeper truths. We are hoping and praying for a blessing.

There is already much suffering about us. Men from every village had gone to Adana for work. Many were killed and now their families are in need. Prices are three or four times what they usually are. A whole day's labor goes for a cake of soap. Wood is scarce. It is brought a long distance on the backs of donkeys or mules. The fruit was injured by the intense heat of the summer. Today a woman came to say that her children had been hungry for three days. A little money has been sent to me which I am using to buy bread tickets for the very poorest. What the poor will do this winter I do not know. God pity them and show us what to do!

I never was so happy for the privilege of working just here as I am now. My cup is full. Will you not pray that a great blessing may come to the school and that many may consecrate themselves to the Lord?

Yours,

Mary L. Daniels

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Harpoot, Oct. 11, 1909

Dear Dr. Barton:

During the summer I almost felt troubled about the school for this year. I did not see how I could plan for the school with so many experienced teachers away. At the same time, I was determined that the school should advance. The Lord has been very good to us, and He has helped in the arrangements in a marked way.

There is an unusually good spirit among the teachers. They are very helpful, enthusiastic and willing to bear responsibility.

Mr. Riggs was able to give us more help from the Boys'

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College. The missionary ladies: Mrs. Riggs, Miss Poole and Mrs. Browne, have more or less work in the school. Mrs Carey has taken a Bible class, besides her work in the Kindergarten. Mr. Browne has meetings and leads prayers, when he is here.

All in all, the plans are better than usual:

We have a good class of girls, too. They are more obedient and earnest than last year.

We have one of the best classes of Seniors that we have had. They number seventeen. They met by themselves and decided that they would try to be a good example to the girls

in all things.

Miss Catlin is taking hold well. She is a faithful worker.

We have much for which to thank & praise the Lord.

There is one thing that burdens me - and that is the Boarding Department.

Prices are higher even than last year - and many of the people are poorer. I have been making an estimate. At this rate, I do not see how we can finish this term without a debt. Our year closes in January. Until now I have been able to keep out of debt.

If you hear of any one who has $100 or $200 just lying around to use, do remember Harpoot and

in Boarding Department.
We have increased the price of board once and I think that we must increase it for next term:

I am hoping & praying that a rich blessing may come to the school this year.

Pray for us.

With love for Mrs Barton.

Yours

Mary L. Daniels

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Harpoot, Turkey, Dec. 3, 1909.

Dear Friends:-

~~It is a rainy day in December.~~ I have just come down from the College. Once a month different persons give practical talks to the girls. My subject today was "Dress." I tried to impress upon them the need of dressing neatly, simply, and in good taste. The girls listened with perfect attention. I just love to stand before my girls and try to lead them to higher ideals. I think that no one in the world has a happier lot than mine.

We have many things for which to thank the Lord these days. The girls on the Prayer Meeting Committee of the Christian Association have shown an earnest spirit. They meet once a week. They plan not only for the meetings of the Society but they take a deep interest in all the spiritual work of the College. The spirit of prayerfulness in the Committee and in the school has deepened all the fall. Teachers testify that the girls are much changed in their behavior. During November we kept the Week of Prayer of the World's Union. We had daily services. On the last day the regular work of the school was suspended and we gave ourselves to spiritual work for one session. Teachers and girls beg for opportunities for individual work. One of the Seniors with tears rolling down her face confessed to her careless life and bad example, and asked for our prayers. The change in her has influenced many others.

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We are giving more time to our Normal Class this year. Specialists are teaching the girls in different subjects. I almost tremble en I think of the great opportunity that they have of work for the ster in the villages. I do long that each girl who goes out to teach y be a true, earnest soul-winner.

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Mardin, Turkey in Asia.
Jan. 22. 1906.

James L. Barton, D. D.
14 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Barton:-

Thank you for your kind letter of welcome.

I did enjoy the journey all the way and am very glad to get back to my old home.

I don't think any of the party enjoyed the journey as much as I did. Especially the last part. I enjoy the travelling in Turkey, being in the open air all day and looking on the wild landscape.

I did not remember much of my journey thirteen years ago, but I remember it better now for having been over it once before. I kept a short journal and took some pictures, which will help to keep it in mind for many years.

I want to send you a picture I took on the Euphrates, the scow coming across for us. I think you have crossed here, the first day out of Malatia. We had a beautiful sunset that night as we followed the Euphrates toward Kemmeur Khan. The river and the hills were all pink and purple.

I will also send a picture taken as we were ready to leave Marsovan, because it is so good of Miss Wright, though not so good of us and Mrs. Smith. I was glad to see the work that has been done there and at Robert College and Sivas and Harpoot. It is nice to know the missionaries in the other stations personally.

I have been taking Arabic lessons for some time. I find I have regained nearly all that I had before going to America and am steadily progressing.

I have a native teacher and am learning in the old fashioned way. Mr. Emrich thinks he gets along faster by managing it himself. It is hard to know what is the best way. Of course he is much ahead of me in some ways.

I already have a few duties that help along the rest of the missionaries. I began by playing for the girls to sing Sunday evenings. Then in helping the girls prepare their C.E. meetings. Now Mamma and I have been put on the committee for visiting the city schools. I take Miss Groff's place.

She has been doing too much and has been having to take a little rest for a few weeks. She is much improved now.

Mr. Emrich is doing well. He likes the food &c here and enjoys riding. The people seem to like him. He is already helping a little among the boys who speak English.

We hope Mrs. Emrich will grow stronger as the weather grows milder. She has had several colds. Mamma and I are quite well. We are well settled now in our old home.

A Swedish Evangelist, Mr. Franson has paid us a short visit which has done us all good. Quite a number were converted. I was glad to see what nice work Miss Fenenga has been doing among the school-girls. There is a very earnest prayerful spirit among them. I think all of them have given their hearts to Christ now.

Mamma joins me in best wishes to yourself and Mrs. Barton.

Yours very sincerely
Martha L. Dewey.

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D. L. Dewey

E. T. M. Mardin.

Sept. 30, 1908.

Dear Mr. Barton:

Mardin station has been in such confusion because of the absence of some of its members, that no quarterly letter has appeared since last January.

During the first quarter of the year much was done for the spiritual growth of the community. Mr. Andrus and a few men who felt the need of peace and unity in the church spent their spare time in house to house visitation, holding prayer-meetings and discussing the differences that disturbed the peace of the church. This self imposed committee grew as the weeks went by. Some were enabled to see their failings and others to curb their over-bearing spirit and the need for greater spirituality was felt. So the Saturday sunrise prayer-meetings that had been discontinued some years ago were revived, making three weekly prayer-meetings besides the Sunday services.

A special effort was made during February in the boys school, by bringing a very earnest preacher from the field to hold daily meetings and talks with the boys.

Jan. 22, 1906

The postponed week of prayer was held at last, at the end of March. The meetings were very good and showed the good result of the work that had been done. The feeling of fellowship has been growing ever since. They have been trying to attend to their church duties. But the business stagnation of these times make it very hard for them to meet their obligations. They are at present trying to find some way out of the difficulty. For they do not wish to give up in the stand they took, the first of the year, of being financially independent of the Board.

Mr. Andrus made a short trip to Nisibin and when the Cornell Expedition returned from Nineveh and Babylon, in April, he went with them to Kulleth. At other times he spent a few days in each of the nearby villages.

Miss Fenenga visited Nisibin and Mardin.

Miss Graf spent three weeks at the end of May in Midyat, starting the first real kindergarten in our field outside of Mardin. There are many parents anxious to send their children, but they cannot pay enough to cover salary of teacher and also cost of materials used.

Mr. Hard and Miss Jacobson came from Harpoot near the end of March and were beseiged by people who had been waiting anxiously for Mr. Thom to return. We were made to feel our great need of a trained nurse to help our Doctor in the care of the women. It would make your heart ache to see what these people suffer at the hands of those who are supposed to be wise in healing.

On April 11th, Duncan MacDonald Emrich arrived to increase the size of our station and fill a big gap in the hearts of the other members. He has already distinguished himself in many ways. He accompanied his father and mother and Miss Graf to the Annual Meeting in Harpoot and remained with his mother until the cool weather at the beginning of the school year. Mr. Emrich and Miss Graf were obliged to return, the middle of August, to prepare for the fall work.

Mrs. Dewey and daughter left Mardin, the middle of May for Aleppo and Antab for dentist and other necessary work, that could not be done at a nearer place. They returned at the end of June, having benefitted physically from the trip and also in other ways from seeing the missionaries in Urfa and Antab and the splendid work of the Board in those places.

We hope that Mardin may grow in prosperity, that the community here may be enabled to do things as they are done in other places.

The schools celebrated their commencements as usual, Mr. Andrus kindly taking the lead in the Boys' High School in the absence of the Principal. Eight boys were graduated. Of these one continues his course in Beirut and another has entered our Theological School. The rest are teaching. In the girls' school there were five graduates; all of them teaching in our field this year.

The schools have opened again, Sept. 21st, with a larger attendance than ever before and it becomes a greater question than ever before, where to stow them all. There are fifty four in the girls' school, forty boarders. This number cannot be increased until we have our new $6000 building. Of this the Old Colony Branch have promised $450 and Mr. Thom has raised $300 while in America. What we need is a good big gift from some one to set the ball rolling. Miss Fenenga is coming home next year, we hope you will ask her to tell you all about her school.

Mr. Shemmin, who has been matron for so long in the girls' school has been transferred to the

boys' school. M. Miriam takes her place, giving half her time and one of the orphan girls assists her in the work.

The boys' school has made a phenomenal leap from 78 last year to 120 this year. Of these, fifty are boarders. There is a larger per cent of paying students, in some cases due to the rule that those who cannot pay full tuition are expected to work their way as much as possible — some prefer to pay.

The carpenter shop is improving. Three new machines, at a total cost of $100, were brought from America this summer. A small circular saw and a molding machine are still needed — $125 would buy them and pay the freight. In order to make room for the carpenter shop, the kitchen and dining room have been crowded into the rooms formerly used by the resident matron.

M. Amseh returning from a years study in Aintab and M. Takavorian a graduate of Beirut College relieve the missionaries of teaching English classes, and a young Catholic of the Armenian order in Mardin has consented to teach French.

There has been no theological class since 1900. The field has suffered very much for lack of well

trained preachers. So we are very glad to have a new class in theology this fall, numbering thirteen, the largest class we have ever had. In consequence nearly half our field has to be content with girl teachers. But the villages near Mardin will be visited by theologues on Sundays.

The Midyat church called a Council, Sept. 6th, to ordain and install their new pastor. The station was represented by Mr. Andrus. The Midyat church was served twenty years by their first pastor until his death. After an interval without a preacher, Immanuel, a graduate of the last theological class, came and has preached for them four years.

There are two or three other young preachers in the field, who we hope before long will be asked to become pastors. For several years there have been only two ordained men in the field.

Mrs. Emrich's lace industry continues and the work improves especially in cleanliness. It is sent by box to Miss Virginia T. Wells, Hanover, N. H. Any one wishing to buy lace may apply to her.

During the absence of the Hewetys, the building of a house for their use was begun. The work has continued through the summer, Mr. Andrus taking the four hour trip into the city and back, twice

a week to superintend it. It is now nearing completion and is a beautiful little building, very simple and compact. When the Thoms arrive in two or three weeks, the missionaries will be quite comfortably located, though the schools still suffer for lack of room.

We have had many things to be thankful for, and not least among them is the granting of a constitution to the people whom we love and for whom we are working. It is not an easy matter to bring about this new order of things in the regions where lawlessness has so long reigned.

We ask your prayers for these people that they may understand what liberty means and be ready to do their part in bringing about law and orders and also that the leaders may be guided aright in the great problems before them and that the arm of the law may be strong in this land.

Respectfully submitted, on behalf of the station,

Hiantha Lama Hewey.

Mardin-Turkey- Sept. 30-1908.

Quarterly Letter

J. F. B.

N. C. Dewey

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Mardin, Turkey in Asia.
Sat. Ev.; Jan. 20, 1900.

My Dear Dr. Barton,

I will just leave that date as it is, though it is now Monday, Feb. 19. I started to write at the above date my personal report for 1899, sorry that it was three weeks behind time, & now four more weeks must be added.

I sent you no report a year ago, for we reached Mardin on our return from America only Nov. 1, 1898. After a few days spent in getting house in order I resumed charge of the High School which during my absence had been in care successively of Mr. Larkin, Dr. Shore, & Mr. Andrus. Dec. 1 a theological class was taken up for a course of two years. These two items have been my main work, though in addition I have had charge of the station treasury, the book department, & am also secretary of the station & stated clerk of the mission. Besides these things, I have had my share in the general work of the station, including service on the Coöperation Committee, & the latter half of the year with Mr. Andrus have attended the business meetings of the Mardin church. I am painfully conscious of not

having done the school work so well as it ought to have been done, & arrears in Treasury work (some irregularities, & discrepancies with Mission Treasurer) & Book Dept., that I expected to have cleared up last summer & did not get around to. The Theol. Class was in session until July 31, & during the latter part of the time (after the close of the High School in June) I had double work with it. Perhaps I should mention a class of young men in the Cat. School. If I were to sum up the year, I should say, much effort not always wisely expended, & but little result!

Perhaps I ought to say a word of my physical health. On the second day after leaving Oorfa on the way in I had a hard horse & trouble begun which has developed into disease of the prostate gland. It has not really disabled me at any time though I presume it has interfered to some extent with my active usefulness. Some six weeks ago Dr. Thom begun a course of treatment which seems to be helping me, — at least I have less pain & the discharge of blood & matter is considerably decreased.

Yours,

Willis G. Dewey.

MAY 7 1900
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Mardin, Turkey in Asia.
Tuesday, April 10, 1900.

Dear Dr. Barton,

Last week I received yours of March 1. By the same post also a package of empty envelopes, addressed one to each member of the Mission! Were they intended to contain the statement & action upon the subject of treasurers to which you refer? I have laid them one side until I shall receive something to put in them.

I am sorry about the loss of the letter in the Oberlin fire, for it seems to have been a personal letter of which I took no copy, & I cannot now recall what it was about! I wrote to Diantha as soon as I heard of its loss, asking her to give me an idea of what it was about. I was sending a good many letters to America through her about that time, as our postmaster was a little jerrickety about letting us have stamps, so I made up larger packages, as I had some stamps of larger denominations, sending them to her to distribute. Most of them were such as she would be interested to read, too, before sending them. I am glad she had the wit to write you about it. Perhaps what she gave you in regard to its contents was sufficient. I should

hear from her pretty soon now in regard to it, & if it seems necessary I will write you when I do. It was a pretty severe experience for her, roused in the middle of a cold winter night, & her losses were greater than what most would have suffered in similar circumstances, for she had pretty much all her belongings with her, having no settled home. But we were so thankful that there was no loss of life, & that she escaped injury or any serious consequences from the exposure & excitement, & especially to learn that she behaved so well & took it in such a good spirit, that we feel the loss was of little consequence in comparison. And friends were very kind, especially Mrs. Little, & the ladies at the Rooms in Chicago sent her some things. It quite warmed our hearts, & made us realize very vividly that there are good people at home who bear in their hearts the missionaries & their children.

I am somewhat perplexed about the Annual meeting question. I will enclose with this copy of a statement I have just prepared for the Mission. You have no doubt received copy of the statement I sent out Feb. 12. That turned several against the meeting who had been in favor of it

before. I was at that time unaware of the question at Erzrûm, - indeed, I knew nothing of that matter until about a week ago, & then it was communicated in confidence. Had I known of this earlier, I should perhaps have urged a meeting. But as the matter at present stands, I do not see how an Annual meeting at Van is going to help the case at all, especially if it should happen that Mr. Stapleton should not be there as very probably he would not at the time the majority of the Mission would set for the meeting. I have talked with Andrus about the matter, no one else here knows anything about the case, & we are both of opinion that it is a matter for the Prud. Com. to deal directly with. Of course you understand that I say this in view of the extent of my present information. There may be aspects of the case which make it fitting & desirable there should be mission action, even away from Erzrûm. But if there is such need, cannot that action be taken by letter, i.e. intersessional action? It seems to Andrus & me as though the brother should be asked by the Prud. Com. to withdraw from the Mission. I understand that you are fully informed in regard to the case. There is not time before the post must

go to enter into discussion. You perhaps know that many years ago there was a case of similar nature, much worse than this I suppose, at Van. It seems to me there is scarcely any hope of the brother's being useful in Erzrûm; his remaining there is likely to do great harm, & his transfer to any other station in the mission would not help matters. I am wondering whether there will not be a smash up in Erzrûm anyway!

The only point you mention in your letter as seeming to call for a meeting is the location of missionaries, present & prospective. Cannot that matter be managed by correspondence? If I mistake not, there is a good deal in the action of the last meetings of the Mission which has never been taken up by the Prud. Com., & any further action now would probably be in large measure a reiteration of the same needs & the same requests.

I must add, too, that in the present condition of things in this part of the country, only the most urgent necessity in my judgment would justify an attempt to hold a meeting. I suppose the tension is not so great in the more northern part of the Mission. Now men are still in prison here, & in a word the prospect is not hopeful.

The quieter we keep for the present, & the less attention of authorities is drawn to us & our work, the better.

I enclose the vote of the Mission in regard to a furlough for the Andruses & Miss Pratt. I believe they do not propose to go till after the hottest part of the summer is over, so there is ample time to hear from the Committee.

I am sending to Constantinople today a little over 32 £.T. for the sufferers in the India famine. This is from missionaries, the Y. M. C. A., & the Sab. School of the Marsdin church. The Y. M. C. A. gives 20 £. & the S. S. 5. I am glad they feel for the distresses of others, but it seems to me that with their pastor's salary some 8 mos. in arrears, & the subscriptions for the current year only about 3/4 of the amount needed to carry through the year, the sum is out of all proportion! Dr. Thom has been active in raising this sum, & he is hopeful of getting something further from other parts of the field, & also from the non-Protestant communities.

Very sincerely Yours,

Willis G. Dewey.

MAY 7 1900

sonal- In regard to your inquiry about what the
ation has been in Swardin station from the first
out medical funds;- the Dr. has had sole control of,
them- He usually submits a summary of the years
accounts to the station, but there is no auditing, &
is very sensitive about suggestions or inquiries-
it is usually the case that the account is read
station meeting, formally approved (?) & filed;
that is the end of it- When he was Treasurer he kept
account with Medical Dept., & he did so again
while I was in America, but on turning the treasury
over to me he drew out all Medical Dept. & hospital
funds & keeps them in his own hands, disposing
of them as he pleases, loaning, investing, purchas-
ing property at his own motion, though he does
sometimes ask his associates whether they think
it would be a good plan to purchase a certain
piece of property- Just now there is a rather ugly
case on- He had loaned money to a man in the city
who left a quantity of jewelry with him as security.
The jewelry was taken in the plundering of his house
last summer, & now they have gone into government
about it- Andrus & I were appealed to by the station
a few days ago to interfere in the case, but we do
not see any occasion for doing so- The loaning of mo-
ney so to natives is <u>bad</u>, but I hardly think it would
be wise to interfere,- I mean for the station to do so-

should the time ever come to send another mi-
sionary physician here, I hope a number of thi-
will be put on a different basis from the Stat-
comes to me that I am going quite wide of your
ry! Pardon! –

I am much obliged for the hint in regard to
Ellsworth – such a hint in advance sometimes hel
matters very much toward a quiet & peaceful solut
I cannot but feel that the Kharput missionaries ha
done my wrong in keeping still about Stapleton – I thi
the case should have been made known to the Missio
at once – such things cannot be hushed up & smo
over in this country, – it is the worst kind of folly to
tempt it.

And now, I speak with a good deal of hesita
but I am confident you will not misunderstand
there is a feeling among some of the Mission th
Kharput is utterly lawless & regardless of all Mi
rules, & everything else: You know better than I kno
much real foundation there is for such a feeling, bu
some things seem to give color to the feeling. I ha
just learned that Rht of its own motion, withou ca
sulting any one in the Mission outside of the Station
wrote to Com. ad Int. & I believe to Prud. Com. – also, to
have Dwight sent to Erzrum. Now if that should be
come known in the mission, it would be likely to
raise a breeze – I wrote Gates that I thought they we
quite overstepping the bounds in such action as that!
We are not ready for a Jesuitacy yet! I'll try to do right
& not be over sensitive in such matters, but you can
see there is a limit.

Yours –

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MAY 24 1900
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Mardin, Turkey in Asia.
Monday, April 23, 1900.

Dear Dr. Barton,

I wrote you two weeks ago at some length, speaking especially of Annual Meeting. Now I have yours of Mch. 23. You know my attitude on the general subject of Annual Meetings; now when Dr. Barnum has voted against one this year, & the last proposition, started by Dr. Ussher for a meeting at San Jose 15, has failed to carry, lacking 4 votes of a bare majority, so I guess it is virtually settled.

You speak of various important questions upon which the Com. desires light from the Mission. Is it not possible to state those questions & submit them in a circular letter, perhaps not taking formal intersessional vote though that can might be done on some, asking members of the mission to write you, or sending their views to stated clerk to be gathered or summarized & sent on to you? In some respects this will not be so satisfactory as action by a meeting after full discussion & comparison of views, but I am not sure that you will not thus get at the real sense of the mission better than through the action of a small meeting.

Will a limit for regular estimates be sent out this year, as was formerly the custom? Is it desirable that an estimate be submitted for expenses for Annual meeting apart from the station estimates? Perhaps the intersessional action of the Mission this year in not reserving a sum for that purpose but dividing the whole appropriation was not quite regular, but you will remember that the entire sum appropriated was less than the aggregate of the regular station estimates based on the appropriations for 1899, & it was thought with the clause making each station responsible for the expenses of its own delegation the intent of the Committee would be secured. Will it facilitate matters at all to have the estimates of the several stations sent to the stated clerk & put in one connected copy for forwarding to the Committee, as would be done in an Annual Meeting, instead of having each station send its own direct to Boston? You know we have our established percentages for both Regular Work & Work for Woman.

Yours,

Willis G. Dewey.

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sonal. I hope you will not misunderstand me
the subject of annual meeting. I have always ad-
cated them, & believe them to be a wise investment
art from the formal action taken in them. Indeed,
m inclined to think the formal action one of the
ser benefits. I am beginning to realize that disin-
grating tendencies are at work in the Mission,
y are gaining force, they can result only in disas-
if unchecked, it is going to be a difficult matter
heck them, I do not at present see how it is to be
ne except by emphasizing as much as possible the
ings that make for unity & cohesion one of the
ost powerful of which I believe to be a well-attend-
annual meeting. And yet, I have thought it not
e to try to have a meeting this year! Gates has writ-
me once or twice, urging that a meeting this
ar is of the last importance, but I have not been
e to get out of him anything but the Stapleton
air, though he has given me the impression that
re are other even more important matters at
ke. Not long ago he wrote, "Things are now so badly
ixed up that I cannot tell what to do; I think I shall
e for a meeting on general principles but there
other matters pending" (other than Eng., I suppose) "which
ead to have come before the Mission. x x x but I cannot
ighten you yet so you must use your own judgment"
d I have felt compelled to do so, basing it on what I
ow, not on intimations from others that a meeting is needed.

On the last vote that has gone around Kharput is evenly divided, Browne, Gates, Knapp, Misses Daniels, & Huntington in favor, Barnum, Misses Bu[illegible] Reynolds, Barnum, & Ellsworth against. & Browne has written me his vote should have been negative (he was away & his wife signed for him), so it is really 6 against a meeting. Browne says, "When the question first came up I took exactly the position Mardin has wisely & consistently held from the first. Under stress in a moment of mental infirmity I yielded my [illegible] judgment & voted 'yes'. x # x x (see below) Dr. B. soon took my position & one day moved in station meeting 'that Kharput [illegible] rescind or change her vote for annual meeting to the negative'. This proposition raised such a storm we dropped it, but quietly resolved if chance occurred to record individual votes in the negative, we would do it, Dr. [illegible] thinking even of changing his vote by telegraph. x x x a[illegible] that is really necessary or wise to do this year can be done effectively & without pain, not to say scars, by intersessional vote. I think my opinion is entirely unbia[illegible] by my judgment of Annual Meetings in general".

I see my omission leaves the reference of what follows ambiguous. This sentence will make it clear, "From that to this Miss Bush & I have never ceased to say on every occasion that we devoutly hoped the 'noes' might prevail".

You know Browne as well as I do, even better, so know what allowances to make.

Since I begun to write word is brought me of the sudden death of one of the principal members of the church & community, Abdel Messiah Speer, brother of the head teacher in the School. He built all our houses, here & at the garden. He will be greatly mis[illegible]

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JUN 11 1900
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Mardin, Turkey in Asia.
Mon. Morn., May 14, 1900.

Dear Dr. Barton,

With this, the vote on the Barnum's vacation, & also the vote on the matter of requests for aid in chapel repairing & building. Perhaps you recall that when I sent on the schedule I said I was sending a vote out, although, practically, the matter was approved in the going around of the schedule, - now it is formal!

We are taken somewhat by surprise at a vote in progress for the transfer of Miss Daniels to Van. Some of us here do not feel at liberty to vote in favor of it without knowing something about what it means.

Disquieting news from Mosul. A missionary of the Church Miss. Soc. has arrived from Bagdad, & according to the accounts we have, has begun by informing the church it is not a church, & good old pastor Elyas that he is not a priest & so cannot minister. He has taken over the schools, & is said to be about to make a call on our field for teachers. We have not enough for our own needs, but money is a strong attraction & probably salaries will have to be raised to enable us to keep any. For all of which, - thanks to the Presbyterian Board!

Yours,
Willis G. Dewey.

[illegible] vote that has gone around Kha[illegible]
[illegible] Reidel, Brown, Slater, Knapp, Kriss[illegible]
[illegible] Kriss [illegible]
[illegible] against a Brown
[illegible] his vote should have been negative[illegible]
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Miller & Lowe

Personal

W. C. Dewey

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Mardin, Turkey in Asia.
Monday, June 4, 1900.

Dear Dr. Barton,

The Estimates of the central stations of the Eastern Turkey Mission for 1901 will soon be coming to your hand. It occurs to me it may be convenient for you to have in hand a statement of the percentages to which the central stations are entitled. The standing apportionment, to which no station has made any objection, is;

	For General Work.	For Work for Women.
Bitlis,	18 %	18 %
Erzrûm,	21	22
Kharput,	25	30
Mardin,	25	18
Van,	11	12
	100	100

No announcement of limit for regular estimates for 1901 has been received. We hope the improving financial condition of the Board will bring us some relief. Probably contingents enough will be submitted by the central stations to take up whatever advance may be made on the limit for last year, but of course in appropriation the above proportion should be observed. Willis C. Dewey.

To be filled with estimates

JUL 2 1900
JUL 13 1900

Personal.

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Mardin, Turkey in Asia, June 4, 1900.

My Dear Barton,

Yours of May 7 received by Saturday's post. The accompanying circulars have been distributed, & enclose receipt herewith. I did not know as I should get one signature, as sight of the circulars had on the party much the effect of a red rag displayed to a bull or a turkey-cock! However, after blowing off steam a little, he signed. I think there is nothing in your letter calling for an answer to go on the files, so I'll just indulge myself in a bit of a personal note & let it go at that.

But first, I wish to express my appreciation of & thanks for the remarkably fine picture of your family received a few weeks since. It is about the finest thing for workmanship I have ever seen in such a group, but of course that is the least part of its value. We prize it highly & thank you very so much for it.

When you get my letter of Apr. 23, you will think I have said enough about Annual Meeting, so I will only say here that I think I can understand something of how you feel at the Rooms on the subject, & can most sincerely wish that it had seemed best to hold a meeting this year. I am much relieved by what you say about Mr. Stapleton, as I have been given to understand that you are fully informed in the case, & I am sure you feel as strongly as I do that they who bear the vessels of the sanctuary, & how much more they who minister in holy things, must have clean hands. So far as relations with that one man are concerned, I doubt if any one could have gone to Erzrum & not have had trouble with him, unless

everything had been yielded to him. I think it was quite time for a change in missionary policy there, & so far as I can learn Mr. S. has succeeded quite as well as could have been expected.

I do not want you to think I was making objections to or criticism upon Kharput's action in regard to the Barnum's vacation. The action was quite regular, & even if it had not been, I should be the last to find fault with it, or with the action of the Prud. Com. without waiting to hear from the Mission. I fully recognize that there are exceptions & I appreciate the circumstances in Dr. B's case. Indeed, I do not mean to be unreasonable in any of these matters, — neither do I want others to be unreasonable on the other side!

This is a queer news about Miss Daniels — Kharput is tight as oyster about it. The only thing any of us have succeeded in finding out about it (after Miss D's pathetic implied request that we should all vote for her transfer without asking any reasons) is that it has been given up, & I am advised to throw the votes received in the fire & pay no further attention to it. Kh't has not voted on the question, — other stations have voted unanimously for the transfer. (except Mardin, waiting for information before voting)

It occurs to me that if a meeting of the Mission is so important, one can be held in the autumn. All the stations have problems they would like to have Mission action on. You have the case before you, both sides. If you will give me a brief statement of what the Com. wishes action on, I will start a vote for a meeting in Sept. or Oct.

From what Dr. Ian. writes me in regard to the burned letter, I gather the essential part of it was copy of the letter to the Mission on matter of division

JUL 31 1900
OCT 5 1900

Mardin, Turkey in Asia.
Monday, July 2, 1900.

Dear Dr. Barton,

I enclose with this the station Estimates for 1900. Also, a mission vote on the principalship of the Mardin High School. It is my turn to send in a quarterly letter, but I shall not have it ready for this post. Since the close of the High School on the 20th ult. I have been rather "knocked out." Andrus has very kindly taken my time with the Theologues for a couple of weeks, but I must start in again this week.

Since I last wrote, yours of Apr. 17, forwarded from Van, has come to hand. Dr. Raynolds enclosed a copy of his letter to you on the subject of the Erzrum Girls' School Building, which seems to Andrus & me to put the case very wisely. We heartily endorse the position he takes. Other members of our station seem to view the matter with indifference.

We have been much cheered & stimulated by reports of the Ecumenical Conference on Missions. Copies of the N. Y. Tribune extra reached us.

Very Sincerely Yours,
Willis A. Dewey.

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Mardin, Turkey in Asia.
Monday, July 23, 1900.

Dear Dr. Barton,

Yours of June 25 was received by Saturday's post. The news you give in regard to Nellie Nourse is quite stunning. But if we were mistaken in thinking the Lord called her here we must take our disappointment cheerfully & renew the quest. I believe we are making a great mistake in stopping the Kindergarten in order to keep up the Girls' School, but I am in a minority of one!

I enclose the quarterly station letter for April to June. In it I have mentioned nothing of later date than June 30, but here I may say in regard to the prisoners that the middle of last week three were released, & Saturday word came that of the 29 embraced in the original proceedings, 20 are now cleared. Among these are Mr. Andrus & the four pupils, two in the theological class, & two in the High School. The remaining nine whose case is held for trial include the five remaining in prison, among them Bedros Effendi of Redhwan & his son Narsis, & four outside. We are hoping to hear soon

that a date is set for the trial. It seems to me ominous that the three were released last week. It seems too much to expect that the authorities by acquitting those who still remain in prison will admit that the whole thing has been without foundation from the beginning. Still, we do not forget that there is a higher power controlling.

Dr. Nhom was summoned last week to Wihi, in the mountains between Mosul & Persia, for Mr. Coan who had just gone up there from Mosul & had had a sunstroke. Saturday a second telegram came to the effect that he was better & Dr. need not come. Fortunately we were able to catch Dr. at Jezirat, & he was to start back for home this morning.

A Mission vote for the transfer of Dr. Kesher from Kharput to Van is far enough along for me to say it has carried, but I wait for Bitlis vote before reporting it formally.

No very hot weather yet. Harvest seems good, & prices of grain & flour have fallen a little. We hope for a still further decline.

Yours,

Willis G. Dewey.

N. C. Dewey

AUG 20 1900
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(Quarterly station Letter. for 2d. quarter of 1900.) Mardin, Turkey in Asia.

Monday, July 23, 1900.

Dear Dr. Barton,

The letter for the last quarter expressed some solicitude in view of the prospective advent of an English missionary in Mosul. He has now been on the ground for some weeks, & though we have had no direct communication with him, we have heard not a little about him through the native brethren there. We are informed from England that this society, the Church Missionary Society, confines its work in this country to the Moslems, attempting nothing for the nominal Christians. An exception seems to be made in Mosul, however, probably because of the existence of the Protestant community there which was so recklessly abandoned by the Presbyterian Board two years ago, & Mr. Parfit the missionary offered to take up the schools on condition that they should be given wholly & unreservedly into his charge. Many demurred at first, but at last, finding there was absolutely no hope of succor either from Mardin or Urumia, the brethren reluctantly consented. He seems to be caring for the church services also, though one of his first acts was to inform the church that it is <u>not</u> a church, & to inhibit good old pastor Elyas

from ministerial services as he is not a priest! He also forbids the teachers attempting to explain the proof texts in the catechism or other passages of Scripture to their pupils, as that belongs to the priest. Some of these things set very sorely on the Protestant brethren, especially the use of the ritualistic service & admitting to Communion persons who not only are not church members but are leading notoriously scandalous lives. It is hard for them, too, to see pastor Elyas turned adrift in his old age without visible means of support.

Ever since Mr. Parfit came to Mosul it has been reported that he was soon to visit Mardin with a view to securing teachers from among our helpers, & also to making arrangements with the Syrian patriarch for taking over the schools of that community in Mosul, but he has not yet appeared. We have no teachers to spare, as the needs of our own field are not yet supplied, but he may be able to outbid us. The young man who left us last winter, breaking off his contract so unceremoniously in the middle of the school year has been called there & taken into employment without question as to his credentials. I am informed also that an effort is to be made to get our assistant in the theologi-

cal seminary for Bagdad, but I hardly think it will succeed. Mr. Coan of Urumia has just been in Mosul & writes very favorably of Mr. Parfit as an active, earnest worker, & of thoroughly evangelical tendencies. I hope he has estimated him rightly.

The Mardin church drags along a painful existence. For a year now in compliance with the request of the church the missionaries have been attending the business meetings in an advisory capacity. I do not see that very much has been accomplished by it, except that perhaps some troublesome cases of discipline have been gotten along with a little more smoothly than would have been possible without the influence of the missionaries, & perhaps disintegrating processes have been retarded somewhat. The church has fallen into a frenzy of disciplining & there seems no end. It seems to be trying to make up for what it lacks in spiritual life by zeal in externals, - some externals, I should say, for unfortunately this zeal does not reach to the finances which are in very sad case. At the beginning of the new year the pastor's salary was some six or eight months in arrears, & there was general apathy in regard to it. A committee was

appointed to consider the whole situation & report a plan for adjusting the past & managing the future. The year is now half gone; no report has been made; & the pastor's salary is still further in arrears than it was six months ago. It cannot be denied that in view of the general economic condition & the current scale of helpers' salaries, the salary is excessively high. For several years he has been paying about one seventh of it himself, yet he objects to any substantial reduction & some of the church sustain him in it, ostensibly on the ground that it does not comport with the dignity of the church to give less nor with his dignity to take less. As to the dignity of promising & not performing, they seem quite indifferent. I fear there is a secret vein of opposition to him, & the hope is cherished that things will go on from worse to worse until he finds his position untenable & is forced to resign. He would make a good itinerant to tour the field.

The business meetings of the church are a farce. The pastor presides & does most of the talking, & often the larger part of the time goes in wrangling between him & individuals in utter disregard of all principles of order & decorum.

At the beginning of the year a movement was made with a view to having him relinquish the chairmanship for a time to the senior missionary, but it proved abortive.

Since my return to the field a year & a half ago I have been learning much more than I ever knew before of the inherent weakness of the church & the native Christians. Perhaps we have been expecting too much & have not made sufficient allowance for the antecedents of the people & the influence of present environment. There is no reason for discouragement. A fuller realization of the real condition of affairs should only make us the more diligent & persistent in effort.

Just at the beginning of the quarter now under review quite a fluster was caused in the Boys' High School one morning by the coming of an officer with summons for some of the pupils as witnesses in the case of the parties who have been so long imprisoned. By the time he reached the school premises the individuals wanted were not to be found. No further effort was made to serve the summons, nor has any trial yet been had; it seems to have been only a spasmodic effort

to make it appear that something was being done in the case. The English Consul in Diarbekir has been unsparing in his efforts in behalf of the prisoners, & has staid on in Diarbekir far beyond the time he had intended to withdraw to the cooler air & more congenial surroundings of Kharput. It becomes increasingly evident that there is a set purpose to keep these poor fellows confined indefinitely.

The two High Schools closed a prosperous year's work June 20. Four young men & five young women received certificates testifying to their having satisfactorily completed the prescribed course of study, & these certificates were promptly approved by the government Board of Education, so their possessors are now duly authorized to teach. Four theologues will finish their studies at the end of this month, so thirteen names will be added to the roll of the native agency. Probably not all of these will prove permanent, but all are assigned to work for the coming year. Some of them are of unusual promise & this addition to the working force of the station so sadly depleted since the massacres of

five years ago gives us much cheer.

Grave problems regarding these schools are coming to the front & how they are to be solved does not yet appear. The plan of aiding pupils by taking notes in payment for board & tuition, these notes to be paid at some future time, is not altogether satisfactory. Thus far we have not been able to collect anything except on notes of those who have entered evangelical service, thus getting a chance to collect when paying salaries. A strong feeling has been growing up among the people that these notes should not be expected to be paid. Some pupils have repudiated their obligations with the most brazen impudence. During the meeting of the Coöperation Committee just held the pastor of the Midyat church made a violent attack on the system, asserting that it was wholly evil & has done more harm than good. He disclaimed any thought of giving up the school, but when asked what he would have, it appeared he would have it all free. We assured him that neither the Board nor the American churches would consent to any such arrangement, & it was pointed out that upon the whole results have been better under this plan than under what was before

it. But the question is a serious one. Economic conditions hamper us sorely in every direction, & so long as they continue what they are it seems vain to hope for satisfactory results in anything.

The prospective departure of Mrs. Andrus to America brings up again in acute form the question of what shall be done with the Girls' High School. Mrs. Andrus has done noble service. Taking up the work first in the spring of 1893 just to finish out the school year after Miss Nutting left, she has carried it on ever since. During the 23 years of my connection with Mardin Station there has never been a time when the school has moved along so steadily & quietly as it has during these seven years. We expect Miss Thom sometime during the present year, but she must have time to renew acquaintance with the language. To allow Miss Graf to attempt the management of the High School in addition to the Kindergarten would be a case of unjustifiable homicide. It has finally been decided to suspend the Kindergarten with the expectation that later on Miss Graf will be asked to take charge of the High School for the ensuing year.

The Protestant church & community has met a great loss during this quarter in the sudden death of Abd el Messiah Speer, one of the earliest Protestants in Mardin. Though illiterate, he was a man of great natural ability & force of character, of sterling integrity & uncompromising honesty. He was a stone mason & builder by trade, & not only the buildings on the missionary premises in Mardin, but others in Antioch & Damascus & some of the largest & finest buildings of the Syrian Protestant College at Beirut bear enduring testimony to his ability & skill. He will be sorely missed

During the last few months a wonderful movement has been in progress among the non-Protestant Christian women of Mardin. Nothing like it has ever been known before. Dissensions & infelicities among the ecclesiastics had made them less than usually alert to head off evangelical influences, & whereas in former years it has been difficult to find enough non-Protestant women willing to receive the visits of a Bible-reader to keep one busy, three now have their hands full & there are applicants enough to

give work to one or two more. And there is not only a willingness, but a remarkable eagerness & persistency on the part of the learners & in a few cases where priests have attempted to interfere the women have actually had the boldness to answer back & defend their course! There has also been something of a waking up about schools for girls. Hitherto it has been almost impossible to secure a school room among the non-Protestants without paying rent, but now there are three such schools in operation in one of which the room is furnished & all expenses paid except the salary of the teacher, & in the other two most of the rent & expenses are met by the people. Just now an urgent call has come for the opening of still another, with promise to meet all expenses if we will furnish a teacher. One of these schools has been booming all winter with an attendance of nearly 60 girls, but a few weeks since it was found necessary to discharge the teacher for unseemly conduct. Another teacher was put in, but the change was resented & there was a great falling off in attendance. A few days ago the priest of that district of the city called on me to inquire if the former teacher had not been

doing penance long enough yet!

During the quarter we have had two visits of note from foreigners. May 24 an English lady travelling with only her maid & a retinue of native servants picked up from place to place as needed dropped down upon us entirely unheralded. She started out from England last fall, visiting Greece, Southern Russia, Persia, then down to Bagdad, whence she turned back this way via Mosul & Jeziret, & from here she went on by way of the plain & Carpa to the coast at Skanderoon. For the last ten years she has spent most of her time in travel, & has been three times around the world. She pitched her tent in our yard & spent two days, - an interesting character, & she had had some thrilling experiences.

Quite a different sort of a visitor was Prof. Hilprecht of the University of Pennsylvania, who happened along June 10, fresh from the excavations at Nippur, on his way to Constantinople. His accounts of the work being done & discoveries made at that capital city of the world's earliest civilization were of rare interest. For the station,

Willis B. Bewey.

Monday, July 27, 1896

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Mardin, Turkey in Asia.
Tuesday, July 30, 1900.

Dear Dr. Barton,

I am much chagrined to find that I made a mistake in making out the estimates for 1901 in the salary asked for Dr. Nhom. I could not lay my hand at the moment on the list of missionary children, & called on Mrs. D. for Minnie's age. Misunderstanding her answer, I took it there would be another year yet before the allowance on her account ceases, but she will be 20 this coming Dec., accordingly the estimate for Dr. N's salary should be decreased by the amount of allowance for one child in America. This will make it 17325 p. instead of 20008 p. as reported.

I will enclose with this the vote on Dr. Usher's transfer to Van without waiting longer to hear from the Bitlis ladies.

Dr. Nhom reached us safely Saturday morning, returning from Jeziret. There is again a hitch in the case of the imprisoned, - no signs of trial, but rather of indefinite delay. Theologues are to be examined for licensure tomorrow.

Yours of June 28 rec'd announcing grant for rebuilding chapels.

Yours,
Willis C. Dewey.

Practical Anthropology Dept.
Tuesday July 24, 1900.

Dear Miss Porter,

I am very sorry to find that I would be unable to be present at your meeting on Friday evening, but I have sent my report to the secretary of the Anti-Tuberculosis Society for Dorchester and Roxbury, and I think this would be something you might be interested in having read. I cannot come, but I will be glad to give the cause all the assistance in my power.

I find a balance of $2000 to report.

I would gladly join the visit we are hoping to make to the Institute meeting, hoping to hear from the Institute later.

Dr. Hoyt has asked us really to begin our work in Roxbury, but I have a report to make to the committee. The expense of trial, but nothing of importance. We have gone on to be working for Dorchester.

Yours very truly,
Hilda A. Ayer
Visiting Nurse.

Rev. H. G. Dewey, D. D.

AMERICAN MISSION
MARDIN
TURKEY-in-ASIA

OCT 1 1900
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At the Garden.
Sat. Eve., Sept. 1, 1900.

Dear Barton,

As I have no Mission House paper or appliances for copying here, I am just going to write a bit of a personal letter. I had in mind to write a little sketch of the Theological class, their work, assignments, &c., but it came to me that I had written so much about them at one time & another during their course of study that there was no occasion for anything more. The churches appointed a Committee to examine & license them. They passed a good examination & we have high hopes of them.

Do you remember that some months ago I wrote you somewhat in detail of our station accounts, suggesting a plan for clearing off sundry discrepancies between these accounts & those of the Mission Treasurer. You assumed that you had turned the papers over to Mr. Wiggin who would

write me officially in regard to it. I do not recall just how long ago this was, but it was quite a while & as yet I have heard nothing from Mr. W. I was hoping we should have word before Andrus leaves, as perhaps it would be easier to manage the matter here with him present than after he is gone! But unless Mr. W. has written before this reaches you it will be too late to reach us before A. goes. But in any case I hope we shall get something before it is time to make up the next Semi-Ann. Acct.

By today's post I have yours of July 13, - our mail is sometimes very much delayed, as you will understand when I mention that I have also a note from Mr. Wiggin of date Aug. 7, three & a half weeks later than yours! A week ago the Advance of July 19 came - today I get June 28 & July 12. Not long ago Andrus received a copy of his Pough-keepsie paper of last Jan., thrust into the same wrapper with one of July. Here are queer freaks in the Censor's office!

I am glad you think it unnecessary to try to convene a meeting of the Mission this Autumn. I hope you received a letter in which I spoke of the Erzrum school building, saying that Andrus & I very heartily endorsed what Dr. Raynolds wrote you on the subject. I am hardly qualified to speak in detail on the subject, for I have been in Erzrum but once, & that was 15 years ago, but it seems to me preposterous that the Board should be asked to put up a $10,000 building for any purpose in Erzrum. Dr. Parmelee is there this summer; perhaps he can throw some light on the matter. I am not very intimately acquainted with him, but I have the impression that he is not very careful in financial matters, or perhaps more accurately, that he inclines to a large & liberal scale of expenditure.

Mrs. Dewey & I came out here Aug. 10 - Mrs. D. getting up from bed to get into the raffahs & going to bed at once on getting here. She had been down with a bilious malarial attack, but has been improving

Financial Statement in regard to the Theological Class Graduated Aug. 1, 1900.

Receipts.

			Sisters mij.	U.D. 108.
Dec. 1898.	Appropriation A.B.C.D.M.	$200		
July 1899.	" "	140.	$1,431	44 18

Disbursements.

Dec. 1'98 - July 01 '99.	Maps from America,		182
	Allowance to Domas Ibrahim, 8 mos.	100	
"	" Habib Daude,	400	
"	" Selim Hadaya,	160	
"	" Emmanuel Ken,	100	
"	" Yusef Stefan, 6 mos.	50	810
Board 2 for 8 mos, 1 for 6 mos.			900
Oct 1, '99 - July 31, 1900.			
Allowance to Domas Ibrahim, 10 mos.		200	
"	" Habib Daude,	500	
"	" Selim Hadaya,	180	
"	" Emmanuel Ken,	144	1044
Board 2 for 10 mos.			900
Books			
			3,831 44 18

List of books purchased,

2 Homiletics & Pastoral Theology, 1.62
4 Sols. Dennies Theology,
1 Questions in Theology,
2 Sols. Dr Eddy's Commentary,
1 Set Bible Dictionary,

These books go into the Library & are available for succeeding classes. The deficit 127 44, made up outside.

Mardin, Aug 1, 1900.

Millicent Dewey

while here. It is something unusual for me to spend a full week here without going in to the city, but Dr. advised me to stay here as long as I could, & keep quiet as quiet as I could. It seemed rather necessary for me to go in this week, so I went in Thurs. expecting to come back yesterday. Dr. had consented rather hesitatingly to my going in. The trip seemed to aggravate my complaint, & he kept me there till today I have returned to stay till we go in for good & all. I am quite disappointed at my trouble proving so persistent. Dr. talks of having to keep me on my back! I hope it is not going to come to that, but it is no use trying to conceal the fact that my condition is precarious, & Andrus being about to leave on his vacation makes it all the more evident that another man is needed here. We feel rather discouraged about a teacher for the Girls' School. Our station does not seem to have been born with a silver spoon in its mouth!

Our love to Mrs. Barton & the children.

Yours, Willis B. Dewey.

NOV 13 1900

Mardin, Turkey in Asia.
Monday, Oct. 15, 1900.

Dear Barton,

I have had nothing from you for some time, your last I have received being dated July 13. This morning just a few lines, unofficially.

The Andruses & Miss Pratt left us, a week before last week for America Tues., Oct. 2d. They went via Diarbekir, Sewrek, Killis, to Alexandretta where they hoped to take passage for Naples & thence direct to New York. They expected to avoid both Urfa & Aleppo. We have heard from them through natives at Diarbekir, & a telegram from Sewrek, where they spent a week ago yesterday. They are having most delightful weather.

Miss Graf was still quite ill when they left. Perhaps you know she had imbibed some of Miss Pratt's ideas on faith healing, &c., & so refused to see the Dr. till she was fairly down & the disease had gotten strong hold of her. We had her around over here a few days before the Andruses left. She was at times quite wild, – imagined she had committed some dreadful sin for which she was being punished, – one day was possessed with the idea of suicide, – wanted to get up & get a bottle of nitric acid to swallow. Though two women were with her, I had to go in twice & help get her back to bed. She was on the mend when the party left, & now for several days has been up & dressed part of the day. Saturday she got out into the yard, & I think expects to get over to the Girls' School this week. Miss Pratt proposed giving up her trip to America, & staying with her, & I understand some of the Kharput missionaries wrote her, urging her that she ought to do so. For a day or so it looked a little serious, as the rest of us, i.e. the three families, were all persuaded that Miss

Pratt's influence was not helpful to Miss Kraf-
had felt this for a good while, but it seemed especia
evident at this time. Finally the matter was manag
largely through Mrs. Dewey's influence with Miss P., so
gave up the project of staying without having it come b
the station formally. No doubt Miss K. will miss Miss
sorely, but we all feel confident it will be for her good
have Miss P. away, & hope by the time Miss P. returns
will be more independent. One good result of her i
ness appears already in that she declares most positi
that she is done with the faith cure delusion. It alw
was a wonder to me that with such strong common
sense as she shows in most things she should ever
taken up with this pernicious, cruel teaching. She is p
posing now to attempt to set Miss Bush right on t
matter!

I presume Andrus wrote you before he left
the acquittal of the men who have been so long in
on or under suspicion, 29 in all, I believe, includin
Andrus himself. We were all very glad & thankfu
this took place before A. left. It seemed as though h
could not go & leave them still in prison. It has cost him an enorm
amount of labor & care as well as not a little mon
I guess, tho he was very tight on that point & would
answer any questions or give any information ab
what he was spending, or how. I think over $500 - pass
through my hands to him for this purpose, besides wh
came to him directly, & what he spent of his own mea
The letters he wrote, & the people he interviewed on the ma
made a heavy tax on him, & it must have been a gre
relief to him to have it all over. To be sure, it was in
way his own fault, for as I understand he insisted on e
ploying the young man through whom all the trouble ca
about against advice & remonstrances of nations & Dr. Thom,

course that did not make it any easier for him!
We shall miss them, do already miss them all
ly. The orphans are turned over to my care, - to my
at disgust, Andrus hung on to them till only four days
e he left, so I had little chance to get the hang of
ings & learn details before he left.

I have had several communications from Mr. Parfit,
English missionary at Mosul, since I wrote of him
the last quarterly letter sent to the Rooms. He was
able to make his proposed visit to Mardin because of the
safe conditions. I was very much pleased with his
ters which show a disposition to cordial relations
h us, & I hope such may be established. He has now
e back to Bagdad for the winter, but I hope we shall
him here next summer. I feel confident that a frank
ference will be helpful all around.

Before Andrus left an intersessional Mission
e was started asking another Missionary family
oung lady for Mardin. When the matter was brought
n our station meeting, I moved that the request be
de for one of the men formerly connected with the
tion, Ainslie or Larkin. No one seconded the motion,
should not have voted for it, though I should not op-
e the return of one of these men if others thought it
t.

I enclose copy of financial statement for the
ol. Class which graduated Aug. 1. The letter for the
t quarter is due from Miss Graf. I believe she
tends to prepare it this week.

Yours, Nellie B. Dewey.

Mandalay Oct. 15, 1900

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Mardin, Turkey in Asia.
Monday, Dec. 24, 1900.

Dear Dr. Barton,

I enclose an intersessional vote (Sent last week) of the E. A. Mission asking for a new missionary family for Mardin & another young lady with special reference to the Girls' High School at Mardin. At the time this vote was started I wrote you that a motion had been offered in Station meeting to call for Mr. Ainslie or Mr. Larkin, both of whom have been in former years connected with Mardin station, but the motion was not seconded. Now I have your letter of Nov. 20 intimating that Mr. Larkin would like to return to Mardin, & you wait to learn the wish of the station & the mission. This of course puts the matter on an altogether different footing, & has led to a careful going over of the whole question by the station. In this review we have tried to lay aside entirely any personal feeling, whether for or against Mr. Larkin, & to consider the case solely with reference to the interests of the work entrusted to our care.

It was agreed at once that if Mr. Larkin were to return the same man that he was when here before, we should not approve his coming. But

is it not reasonable to hope that the experiences he has passed through since leaving Beardin have had a chastening, purifying effect, so that he would be quite different from what he then was?

Of considerations in favor of his return are such as these;— 1. His desire to come. Not by any means that we would regard this alone as reason sufficient for accepting a missionary candidate, but it gives a presumption, especially in the case of one who has been for some time on the field. If the Lord calls him, we should not forbid him.

2. He has made a good beginning in the language & some acquaintance with the people, so that he would be ready to go to work immediately.

3. The people liked him & he got hold of them easily.

4. He had an earnest desire to do distinctively evangelistic work. Circumstances were against him while he was here. Soon after his coming the care of the High School was put upon him, a task distasteful to him & for which he had no fitness, & he had no opportunity to engage in the field work for which he longed.

5. Some of the stations urge that if we do not take him we are not likely to get any one, but on the other hand it may be said that if we do take

him we are certain not to get any one else.

It is not so pleasant to turn to the other side, but it is essential to a fair understanding of the case that it be presented. It may be briefly summed up in a few of the words that were used as expressing what he was while here. He was slouchy, lazy, morbid, cranky, troubled about his conscience. It is in regard to these things we entertain the hope that a change has taken place; if there has not, certainly we do not consider it expedient for him to return. We hear that he is well liked in America, which seems hardly possible unless these traits were essentially modified. We are to far away to pursue inquiries, but no doubt you have means of getting all desired information. Some of the severest things about him were said by Mr. Millard the English evangelist who was here several weeks during the last winter of Mr. Larkin's stay. I never saw Mr. Millard, but I am told that he was an exceptionally keen reader of character. It should be said also of Mr. Larkin that he was somewhat flighty, too easily influenced by natives, & had no faculty for accounts so that his wife had to keep their personal accounts. We all felt that she was by far the better man of the two, & though I

was not here during the last year of their stay & understand that his deficiencies became the more glaringly apparent as her health failed.

It is eminently desirable that a missionary should be "an all around man". We have had one such man in Marden & perhaps on that account are inclined to set our standard a little high. We should like another such man, one who could do field work, take charge of the schools, or turn his hand to any part of the work as occasion may require. In our judgment Mr. Larkin is not that kind of a man. He does not seem to us adapted to school work, to have charge of finances, or for any position calling for a high degree of administrative ability. But we think he might do very good work in the field, & that is just where our most urgent need is at present.

In view of all the circumstances it was finally voted that we approve of Mr. Larkin's return & ask the Mission to join in this approval, on the following conditions; — 1. That he pass satisfactorily a searching medical examination. Dr. Nrom will furnish some important data for this. 2. That he marries & brings a wife with him. 3. That he comes to do field work, i.e. to tour

among the villages. It will be hard work, calling for self-denial, patience, & perseverance in no ordinary degree.

If you think best you are at liberty to send him a copy of this letter, or to communicate to him such parts of it as you may deem expedient. We speak very plainly, & trust it does not seem harshly, from a deep sense of grave responsibility. I am sure none of us have any other than the most kindly feelings toward him. We do not regard him as a perfected saint, but neither do any of us lay claim to such a character. If he comes, we shall expect to be often tried by him, & no doubt he will be often tried by us, but we shall hope that a spirit of mutual charity & forbearance with supreme devotion to one common object will enable us to work & live together in true Christian harmony.

I am sorry that we have not the views of Mr. Andrus & Miss Pratt, but I send them a copy of this that they may communicate directly with you. Of course it will take some time to get the vote of the Mission, but we will endeavor to hasten it as much as possible.

Very sincerely yours,

Willis B. Sewey

Sec'y of Mardin Station.

JAN 21 1901
JAN 29 1901

Mardin, Turkey in Asia.
Monday, Dec. 24, 1900.

Dear Dr. Barton,

I think my last to you was dated Oct. 15. Since then I have received yours of Oct. 8 & Nov. 20.

I am very sorry if I have given you the impression that I think you are not doing all you can to secure reinforcements for Mardin. I do not think so, & I fully realize the force of the considerations you present in regard to choice of field by the candidates themselves, their fitness for different fields, &c. But we are "exhausted & brought very low", especially since Miss Graf's utter breakdown. I suppose Dr. Thom has written you somewhat in regard to her, though I know not what. When I wrote you Oct. 15 we supposed the worst was over & fully expected she would take up work in a few days. But we found ere long that the worst was only beginning. I believe Dr. calls the case now one of nervous prostration. As soon as we found she was not recovering mental & nervous vigor, we thought change of scene would be helpful & proposed a visit to Kharput. For some inexplicable reason, she would not hear a word of going there,

though she was finally persuaded to consent to go to Aintab. Then how should she get there? Mrs. D. declared Dr. should not go, I am unable to ride, so finally Dr. was going to send her off with only native attendants. Mrs. D. & I thought that would never do, & so concluded Mrs. D. must go. Then Dr. concluded it was not necessary for her to go, & she is still here. The case seems to me a very serious one. She has not done a thing in the school. Mrs. D., Mrs. Thom, & I are carrying it on. She cannot bear to see people, cannot read or write more than a few minutes at a time. Even the reading of a simple letter upsets her completely. I remarked to Mrs. D. the other day that she seems to be gaining flesh, but Mrs. D. says the fulness of her face on which I based my judgment is only bloating, & that really she is losing flesh. She is very melancholy, inclined to keep much by herself, cannot sleep at all without opiates. Now the winter is upon us, & I suppose it is hardly practicable to get her away till spring, if she shall live till spring.

It is a pretty heavy strain on Mrs. D. who has all the care of her, besides doing a considerable part of the work she was expected to do. Besides

looking out for her food & medicines, she tries to keep her interested, to give her some light employment for her hands, & to keep her with her as much as possible. She is glad to do all she can for her, but that does not prevent its being a burden to strength & power of endurance.

What you say in regard to Mr. Larkin puts an altogether different face on the question of his return, & we have given the matter careful consideration. We feel that unless he has changed in some respects from what he was when here, his return would not be advisable, but it seems reasonable to suppose that his experiences since leaving Mardin must have wrought some change, & from what we hear he seems to have been doing good work in America. A letter to you, going into the matter somewhat fully, was prepared, but Dr. Thom now asks that it be not sent by this post. I am however sending out to the several stations of the Mission an intersessional vote to the effect that we approve his return on condition that he passes satisfactorily a searching medical examination, (for which Dr. Thom will furnish some important data), that he marries & brings a wife, & that he

comes out to do field work, i.e. to tour among the villages. We do not regard him as at all fit for school work, management of finances, or anything call for high administrative ability, but we think he might do good work in the field, & that is where our most pressing need now lies.

In regard to the discrepancy in our accounts, I took your letter of as an authorization to adjust them on the lines I had proposed, & so when I came to make up my Semi-Ann. did so. A letter since received from Mr. Wiggin intimates that some further action by the Prudential Committee may be necessary. Mr. Peet (who seems to be back in Const.) writes me, however, to close them up as I have done, so I suppose the matter is ended.

I enclose the Mission vote for reinforcements for Mardin. We are delighted to hear of Mrs. Barton's improved health. Our warmest greetings to her & your children.

Very sincerely yours,

Willis B. Dewey.

JAN 28 1901

Mardin, Turkey in Asia.
Monday, Dec. 31, 1900.

Dear Dr. Barton,

I wrote you last week that a letter had been prepared in regard to Mr. Larkin's return, which at Dr. Nourse's request was held over. I enclose it herewith. Dr. Nourse's reason for asking to have the letter held over was that he felt Mr. L. is not the kind of a man we want & really need here, i.e. a man who in case of need could take up any part of the station work. I heartily concur in this feeling, but if there are no such men to be had as we want & need, should we refuse one who may be called of the Lord & may be able to do a good work in one much needed line. You will notice that we do not ask for him, but simply approve his coming if after weighing what we have written on the case the Prud. Com. think best to send him. It is said this is reposing too much confidence in the Committee, or expecting too much of it. It does not seem to me so, for I understand the Com. is primarily responsible for the men sent out, & we are simply placing at the disposal of the Com. such information as we have in order to help it to a right decision.

So after rediscussing the matter it was finally decided to send the letter, & I enclose it herewith. A copy of it went to Andrus by last week's post. I want to emphasize the importance of being well assured that such change as we have referred to in that letter has taken place in Mr. L. If you say there is no reference to such a change in the vote proposed to the Mission, I would reply we did not like to parade his deficiencies before the Mission, especially if there is any possibility of his returning to be associated with the Mission. Such things might be managed in an Annual meeting, - they would probably be taken up in a select Committee & only the general result announced in the meeting, or even if discussed in open meeting, that would be a very different thing from having them spread out in writing & made a matter of formal record. It seems as though giving these details to the Prud. Com. through the foreign secretary should be sufficient. Are we in error in taking this view of the case?

I may say that we feel that if Mr. L. were to be made acquainted with the contents of our letter, & acknowledging the truth of what we have said in regard to him should still desire

to return, it would seem to us a good omen. If, on the other hand, he should deny the essential accuracy of our statements, or be exasperated by them, we should regard that as reason sufficient for dropping the matter *in toto*. Two or three words such as *boorish*, *gluttonous* were omitted in the final ~~by~~ draft of the letter, because the first seemed unnecessary in addition to others that were used, & the second is sufficiently covered by what Dr. Thom writes in regard to health.

It was agreed when the draft of the main letter was approved that some explanation of the phrase "troubled about his conscience" should be given on a separate sheet. I hope Mrs. Thom is writing something on this subject, as she seems to be better informed than the rest of us in regard to it, & for myself you will remember that I was here only about five months of the first part of his stay, which continued more than a year after Mrs. W- & I had gone to America. I hardly know how to put the case - perhaps you will recall my having said something to you about it at New Haven three years ago. I should say that his conscience seemed morbid & abnormally sensitive in some directions. For example,

he would not send a letter by a muleteer without putting a stamp on it; he thought we ought not to send letters to be on the road on the Sabbath; before he left he said he had concluded his conscience was not adapted to this country, or something like that. Such things seem to me to indicate not so much a sensitive as a distorted conscience, or moral sense. Since the letter was written Mrs. Noyes has told me of an expression in a letter recently received from him that strikes me very strangely, to the effect that he must go off alone to fill up that he might be prepared to feed others.

By the post received Sat. eve. I have yours of Nov. 30 with appropriations for the General Work for 1901. I hope we shall soon hear those of the Women's Boards so we can make up our schedule for the new year.

It is Dr. Noyes's turn to prepare the quarterly letter. Miss Graf seems did anything toward the letter for the third quarter; perhaps Dr. will include it with the fourth.

Very sincerely yours,

Willis G. Dewey.

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Mardin, Turkey in Asia
Monday, Dec. 31, 1900.

Dear Dr. Barton,

I may as well write my personal annual letter & have it out of the way, — or has this order fallen into "innocuous desuetude"?

During the first half of the year my work continued on the same lines as I indicated in my letter of a year ago. After the theological class graduated at the end of July we got out to the garden for a little while, though our stay was much shorter than usual. While there I took some special treatment for my disorder, though I did not seem to receive any benefit from it. The doctors say I must not ride horseback. I came in from the garden on a pack-saddle & have not been on an animal's back since. The Dr. still holds out hope that I may get recover in a good measure, but even then riding will be likely to bring it on again in severer form. So I have to make up my mind that my days of riding horseback are numbered, — no more touring nor annual meetings for me.

On Andrus's departure, Oct. 2, the care of the orphans was turned over to me. About the same

time at the urgent request of the Prot. community & with the advice of my associates I undertook the superintendency of the schools of the community. They were in a bad way, & because of the inefficiency of the teachers it is hard to do much for them. Altogether, I now have the oversight of ten schools, & for the first time in all the years of my residence in Mardin I have no regular classes of my own, except those in vocal music.

I am very fully occupied, most of the time in petty routine that seems very essential & necessary, & yet to have very little evangelistic character. The prospects of our work seem to become less & less hopeful, but so long as God permits me to stay here I propose to do all I can, not doubting that He who alone can give "the increase" will take care of results.

Very sincerely Yours,

Nellie G. Dewey.

FEB 19 1901
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Mardin, Turkey in Asia.
Monday, Jan. 21, 1901.

Dear Dr. Barton,

Last week yours of Dec. 14 & 18 came to hand with appropriations of the Women's Boards. I am glad you sent as early as possible to the several stations, so they might be in hand as soon as possible. I have no personal feeling in the matter at all, as to whether the appropriations go out through my hands or directly from the Rooms to each station. If only I have the full official list in hand for reference in case of necessity, for the rest of it I shall be satisfied with whatever is most convenient at the Rooms or for the stations. As a means of conserving to some extent the unity of the Mission, I think I shall prepare & send around the Mission the full schedule, so each station in addition to its own appropriations which were sent direct from the Rooms, may have an opportunity to see the work of other stations so far as that is exhibited in the appropriations.

Our letters in regard to Mr. Larkin have gone on to you. You suggest in view of what

Mr. Andrus has written that the matter drops. The vote is on its way round the Mission, but I do not think it is likely to carry. I do not know what Andrus may have written you, but he had a year longer acquaintance with Mr. L. than I. It was Dr. Nourse that pressed here to start the vote in his favor; though, as intimated in my previous letter, he rather drew back from it after the vote had been started!

You ask which station in my judgment needs to be supplied first. I say unhesitatingly Bitlis, & then Erzrum. It is true Mr. Cole is an older & more experienced missionary than Mr. Stapleton. But he is more isolated, & stands more in need of the moral support & the cheer an associate would bring than does Mr. S. I have feared lest the strain grow too much for him. And now Mardin needs <u>two</u> ladies. Miss Graf is growing worse. It is with difficulty we can persuade her to come to meals now. I shall scarcely be surprised at <u>anything</u> that may happen <u>any</u> day!

Thanks for good wishes for the new year & the new century, which we heartily reciprocate.

Yours, Millis W. Dewey

I have just received Dr. Nourse's letter, & Mardin N.S.

MAR 4 1901
MAR 6 1901

Mardin, Turkey in Asia.
Monday, Feb. 4, 1901.

Dear Bro. Barton,

I wrote you two weeks ago that the intersessional vote proposed to the mission for the return of Mr. Larkin was not likely to carry. Now I can report definitely that it has failed, so I suppose that will be the end of the matter. I hope you did not communicate to him our letter of Dec. 24, as under the circumstances it would only have caused him unnecessary pain.

This morning the second term of school begins. The mid-year examinations were very satisfactory. I have been having a rather serious time the last two or three weeks, so that I have been able to do scarcely half work & was not able to be present at all the examinations. The last two or three days I have been feeling better, but this morning am not so well again.

Miss Graf is some days a little brighter & others more depressed. Her aversion to seeing any one is increasing. Condition of the country worse & worse. Now the road between here & Aleppo & Diarbekir & Aleppo is blocked.

Yours, Willis G. Dewey.

FEB 19 1901

Personal.

I want to say a little to you privately about Miss Kraf. Mrs. Dewey & I felt as soon as it appeared that her mind was affected & she was not improving, that she ought to be got away at once, that immediate change of scene might be of incalculable benefit to her. Of course we would not think of setting up our judgment against Dr. Thom's. At first he seemed to be of the same way of thinking, but Mrs. T. for some unexplained reason opposed it most violently, — said it was because Mrs. D. was tired of taking care of her & wanted to get rid of her & that she urged her going, — & Dr. veered around. It was such nice weather then for travel, & she might have gotten away, had gone to her home friends in America, & where she could have had suitable treatment. Our only thought was, what would be best for her, & be most likely to promote her restoration to health & strength. We were willing then, are now, & have been all the time, to make any personal sacrifice, to do anything in our power to help her & promote the interests of the work. I know I do not need to say this to you, & yet I want to say it! Mrs. D. has spared no effort, has given herself night & day, I may say, to caring for her, though this has necessitated giving up other plans, & taxing her physical strength & her wits & powers of endurance to the last degree.

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It is not simply the matter of caring fo
the invalid, childish & notional as she is
but the departure of Mrs. A. & Miss Pratt with
the disabling of Miss S. has thrown a great
amount of additional care & responsibility o
Mrs. D. Mrs. D. while very efficient in some way
& very ready to take up anything that happen
to take her fancy, is quite as ready to shirk
anything that grows disagreeable or which
she does not fancy.

The long & short of it is, we are trying to do th
best we can, — one day at a time. We must beg
to plan, however, how we are to get her away in
the spring, if she lives till then. It will be a
great deal harder than it would have been la
fall. And who is to go with her? Dr. says he ca
not even go to the coast. He has been instruct
to correspond with Dr. Shepherd, with Beirut, o
with Constantinople in regard to finding com
pany for her in the spring. We have heard tha
Dr. S. goes in the spring. If so, & he is willing t
take charge of her, it would seem all that
could be desired. I understand Miss Chamber
of Urfa goes in the spring, but it seems hard
fair to try to saddle an invalid of this charac
ter on to any lady. When we were discussing th
matter at our last station meeting, after Dr. ha
declared he could not go with her, I said that
it should be necessary I would go, though I shou
have to ride in muffahs. I do not see why Dr. Cann
go. It would seem that this is a case, if any, whic
calls for his services. I do not want to misjud
but he & Mrs. D. both have seemed to me to act

very strangely in regard to the whole matter. The whole case is very strange & very sad. When she began to seem a little better after her illness, & before we suspected any serious trouble, she remarked that she had felt all the time that the care of the Girls' School was going to be too much for her, but Mrs. Andrus had overborne her. & had urged as strongly as I could when we were making plans for carrying on the work after the Andruses should leave, that this burden ought not to be put on Miss G., in addition to my contention that the Kindergarten was in present conditions more important than keeping up the Girls' School - But that opens up too wide a subject to go into now. Mrs. A. kept the whole charge of everything in her own hands up till the last minute, which seemed very strange, but I thought it was probably because she was too tired to let go! And Miss Pratt's influence we all felt was getting to be very bad; indeed, it seems to us that to her Miss G's break-down is directly traceable.

It is all a great tangle; I do not understand, nor do I spend much time trying to unravel it.

My own condition has been pretty bad for the past few weeks. As nearly as I can make out, there is nothing to be done but be as patient as I can! Today is the first time that I have been really disabled & obliged to keep to the house. Yours, D.

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I do not like the Dr's way of taking it upon himself to settle all questions concerning the invalid without even consulting others. At the last station meeting I brought up the matter of beginning to plan for getting her away in the spring. He said he had written you to see her father out for her, or to plan for getting to America. I remarked upon the probable impracticability of her father's coming, — he wanted to know if I had any better plan to propose, — I replied no, it was a very perplexing question, & thought we needed to lay our heads together & plan, — to which he made no reply.

Dr. has been for the most part very good since the A's left. I am very sorry he has refused to call upon the moslem dignitaries today. He did the same at the Christian feast, Christmas.

If ever you get tired of my personal notes, you need only to say so. I have the impression you like such side-lights. I write with the utmost freedom, expecting that you take these notes as my individual view of matters & things.

Dr. refuses to write a quarterly letter. He thinks you "have letters enough to read." I have urged him to write, coming the last two quarters, as Miss Graf did not write for the third quarter of the year, but he is very set. While I have been writing this the post has come in with a letter from Mrs. Andrus which has done me a world of good, — it shows such an appreciation of the difficulties of the situation & frankly recognizes mistakes that have made. W.C.

MAR 18 1901
MAR 26 1901

Mardin, Turkey in Asia.
Monday, Feb. 18, 1901.

Dear Dr. Barton,

Your letters of Jan. 5 & 9 came to hand a week ago. I note the addition of Miss Platt's name to the appropriations. The appointment of Mr. LeRoy & Miss Clark gives a sense of relief & cheer beyond my power to express. I am sending him a line of greeting by this post.

Mrs. Dewey leaves with Miss Graf for Urfa tomorrow. I do not just like it, but it is quite out of the question for me to go, as I am quite unable to ride horse-back & for a month or more have been more or less disabled. Dr. says he cannot go, so there seems no other way but for Mrs. D. to go. It is quite uncertain how Miss Graf may behave when she gets on to the road, & when she gets to Urfa whether Miss Chambers will feel that she can take her on alone. So Mrs. D. goes not knowing but she may have to go on to Aintab or even further. I wrote you some time ago that Dr. had been instructed to correspond with Beirût, Constantinople, & Aintab with reference to securing suitable company

for her. Miss Chambers wrote she expected to leave for U.S. in April, & would be glad to have her company. Last Wed. a telegram came from her saying she would start in fourteen days from the date of the telegram, making it a week from tomorrow, could Miss Graf be ready. We held a consultation, & concluded it best to improve the opportunity, & so they expect to get off tomorrow. They will have two good trusty men with them & a zabtieh. So we hope they will get along without trouble. Mrs. Dewey will write you from Irfa of how they have gotten along & what further plans are. The weather is warm & dry; the ground dry & hard, so that even if it rains they are not likely to be seriously troubled by mud. They go in moffahs, & Mrs. D. takes her mare expecting to ride her back. They have one stretch of 18 hours without habitation which they expect to make at one pull, & so reach Irfa Saturday.

Yours,

William D. Dewey.

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Mardin, Turkey in Asia.
Monday, March 18, 1901.

Dear Dr. Barton,

I intended to have written you last week of Mrs. Dewey's safe return from Mafa. She came Sat. the 9th inst., having been gone eighteen days. The journey was most prosperous in every way, nice weather, nice roads, no special mishaps, & Miss Kraf seemed to improve somewhat upon the way, so we feel encouraged to hope that by the time she reaches America she may be in much more favorable condition for treatment than when she left us. Mrs. Dewey was very weary when she reached home, but she has been sleeping & resting this past week, as well as doing an immense amount of work, & I think is going to be all the better for the trip.

Since my last letter to you I have received yours of Jan. 29 with the disappointing tidings in regard to Mr. Le Roy. It were better not to have had our hopes raised, than to have them so soon dashed to the ground again! I hope he will prove a good worker in Africa, but I must say that there seems a false note in view of what you say of his reasons for joining the Congregational church, & all. We shall hope & pray that it may prove that we are disappointed in regard to him because God has "some better thing" in store for us.

I think I will enclose with this, copy of a vote we have started in regard to Miss Pratt's return, as it seems likely to raise something of a storm & if you have before you an exact copy of what is proposed you will be able to judge better as to the merits of the case. I am responsible for the final wording of the vote, & I took much pains to make it as unobjectionable as possible. I ask you to notice that we do not lay directly to her charge these pernicious teachings. As a matter of fact, I think it would be difficult to ascertain just what she does hold to in regard to them. We have no desire to attempt to prescribe what she shall or shall not believe, & have tried to reduce to a minimum what shall be required of her if she is to return. If she had not been so long in the service, I think we should consider it not best for her to return. We appreciate her devotion, her courage, the self-sacrificing zeal with which she has stuck to her work in spite of so many discouragements, & if she is willing to give the assurances asked, I shall be very glad to see her back again; indeed, I shall be very sorry if she does not return.

Yours,

Willis G. Dewey

re. Miss Pratt's return with Proposed Vote

JUN 10 1901
JUN 28 1901

Mardin, Turkey in Asia.
Monday, May 6, 1901.

Dear Dr. Barton,

My last letter to you seems to have been dated March 18. Since that time I have received yours of March 7 & 22 & Apr. 4. Mrs. Dewey asks me to acknowledge also, with her thanks, yours to her of March 26. In your last (Apr. 4) you speak of having written me the week before in regard to Herbert Allen. That letter has not reached me, though it may come yet as the post has been very much deranged the last few months, letters & papers sometimes coming to hand a month late & not unfrequently those of a later date arriving before those of an earlier date.

Herewith I enclose Mission vote in regard to the return of the Andruses, lacking only one name of being the full vote of the Mission. I also enclose copy of a vote sent out at the same time in regard to Miss Pratt which failed to pass. Bitlis, ~~Etc~~ Mardin, & Van gave a full vote, unanimously in the affirmative, but Erzrûm & Kharpût abstained from voting either way. The Erzrûm friends give no reason for declining to vote. Kharpût evidently misapprehended the scope & intent of the vote, but as I understand the members of that station disagree with us as to the propriety of

making such a condition in any case, it seems useless to delay reporting the vote in order to offer explanations with the hope of securing their signatures. At a station meeting held since the vote returned to Mardin, three courses of action in the case were suggested;- 1. To send in the Andrus vote & say nothing in regard to Miss Pratt. 2. To report that a vote proposed for her return had failed to carry. 3. To report the vote as it stands & leave the case in the hands of the Prudential Committee. The latter was unanimously adopted, & it was at the same time voted that we express our hearty desire for her return if she accepts the proposed condition. As you have some knowledge of the case, I think nothing further is required to enable you to present it intelligently to the Prudential Committee. Only, in view of what the Kharput friends have written, I should like to call your attention again to the fact, & to emphasize it, that we have no wish to control Miss Pratt's conscience, nor to prescribe what she shall or shall not believe. We do not even charge her with holding the obnoxious views referred to but only say that we "view with much solicitude" her attitude towards them; & ask that if she returns she shall not disseminate them. Could we do less than this & be faithful to our trust?

I have before now intimated to you that I thought it very doubtful if her own views are at all clearly formulated on these matters. I can assure you there is no feeling of hostility or unkindness towards her in the station, & we should all feel very sorry should she not return. Some time ago I sent her a copy of the proposed vote explaining just what we mean by it, & stating frankly our feelings & judgment upon the subject, but there has not yet been time for a reply. I may say, however, that we have been especially pleased with the tone of some of her later letters as compared with those written before & her attitude before leaving Harding, & I sincerely hope all difficulties may be cleared away. Should you wish any further information, I presume Mr. & Mrs. Andrus can give you all you require.

I have also just received the vote of the Mission to omit the Annual Meeting this year. Though I suppose you do not care for a formal copy for the files, I enclose one that you may see just how the Mission voted on it. In view of the instructions contained in your letter of March 22 in regard to the manner of making up estimates for next year, it seems especially unfortunate we should not have a meeting, & yet in view of prevalent conditions I

should not dare to say that it would be wise to attempt to hold one. I have sent to each station a full copy of the Estimates of the whole Mission as made out last year, except those of Erzrûm station of which no copy was furnished me.

I am glad that a physician has been found for Kharput. No doubt there will be some grumbling from other stations, but I do not see how it can be helped!

In regard to my own case, I have been feeling somewhat better as the weather has become warmer. Dr. Shepard came down from Diarbekir to see me, & after careful examination told me the trouble will probably gradually increase. Surgery is sometimes resorted to, but in his own experience only about 40 %, if I remember, survive the operation. In that view of the case, it did not seem to me best to try to get relief in that way as long as I can get along at all comfortably. He spoke, however, of a new method by electro-cautery which he proposes to look into while in America this summer, & if he finds it promising he will bring with him on his return the necessary apparatus. As he expects to spend next year in Diarbekir, it will be comparatively easy to get him to come down a

operate if it seems best. For the present, the trouble is for the most part quite endureable, though occasionally causing a good deal of pain & inconvenience.

Very sincerely Yours,
Nellie G. Dewey.

P.S. – May 13. I did not succeed in getting this into the post last week, & now I have Dr. Barton's later letter of Apr. 8, & also the one of Apr. 1 in regard to Mr. Allen. As soon as the returns are in from the stations, I will report on Mr A's case. Kharput suggests that it were much better he should go to Bitlis than to Erzrûm. Mardin will vote for his assignment to any station that calls for him, preferably Bitlis. We will try to forward reply to Dr. Capen's questions as soon as possible, though there may be some delay in order to get a full meeting of our Coöperation Committee if possible. N. G. D.

Enclosing Vote on Miss Pratt's return
" " annual meeting
" " Rev. and Mrs. Andrews

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Mardin, Turkey in Asia.
Monday, May 27, 1901.

Dear Dr. Barton,

This morning I am in receipt of yours of Apr. 26, announcing the appointment of Mr. Edward H. Barey & Miss Sara B. Simons to Kharput.

I enclose herewith an intersessional vote of the Mission in regard to Dr. Ussher's medical receipts, proposing that he be allowed to use the profits of his medical work up to 300 L.T. per annum for three years to provide hospital facilities & develop the medical work in Van.

I have received sufficient returns on the proposition that Mr. & Mrs. Herbert M. Allen return to the E.T. Mission, to be located at Erzrûm, to make it evident that it will fail to carry. Kharput opposes it on the ground that in view of circumstances at Erzrûm, that is not the place for him. I understand they have written you their views fully. I am writing Mr. Cole of Bitlis today, suggesting that if he would like Mr. A. as an associate he ask for him. I think if Bitlis wants him there is no doubt the Mission will approve.

Very Sincerely Yours, Willis B. Dewey.

Pendleton Berkey and Stein
Monday Nov 24 1901

Lewis & Martin

Gentlemen:

We are writing you and request if you will also be so kind as to advise the defendant - that we shall be ready to try the case at Chariton

Further remarks on interest and costs of the Pennsylvania report to Mr. Berkey yesterday seem to us sufficient for showing that it is allowed to use the profits of his tracked work up to 300 of 1

Cannot we take your report for Monday today? Perhaps it should be presented in form.

I have received sufficient returns on the papers notifying that Mr. Robert Jr. & Lloyd returns to the 3 & 4 Monday to be entitled against to make it evident that it will fail to carry. Mr. Berkey appears to be thinking that in view of a consultation at Dayton that is not the place for him. I understand they have written you this morning fully. I am writing Mr. Cole of Pittsburg today suggesting that if he would like Mr. Berkey associate in with Mr. Berkey if Pittsburg must have him in no doubt the Pennsylvania will appear

Very sincerely Yours - William Lewis

AUG 5 1901

Mardin, Turkey in Asia.
Monday, July 8, 1901.

Dear Dr. Barton,

I wrote you May 27 that sufficient returns were in to show that the proposition to ask for the return of Rev. H. M. Allen to the E. T. Mission to be located at Erzrûm would fail to carry. Perhaps you may not remember that the rule of the Mission in regard to inter-sessional votes requires that five-sixths of all the members of the Mission must vote for a measure in order to carry it, so a failure on the part of any member to vote, whatever the reason may be, is virtually a vote in the negative. As on the vote in regard to Mr. Allen only three were cast in the negative, there is a disposition on the part of some not to let the matter rest so. For your fuller information I enclose a schedule of the vote, showing the attitude of each member of the Mission. For myself, after learning that Mr. Browne & Miss Bush who spent some time in Erzrûm with Mr. Stapleton ~~to~~ after Mr. Chambers left, felt very strongly that it would not be wise to send Mr. Allen there, I was inclined to vote in the negative. Now I have just received Dr. Raynolds'

statement which has been around the Mission, a copy of which I enclose, & in view of it I vote in the affirmative. One other vote has been changed to the affirmative, & it is possible others may be. I do not know how the case stands with Mr. Allen, whether he is still available or not. It seems a great pity when men are so sorely needed, & one having the language & acquainted with the people so he could begin work immediately upon his arrival, one too whom the members of the station he would join are eager to have come, is kept away. It seems very unfortunate we could not have an annual meeting this year in which the whole question might have been considered and a conclusion reached. It is very difficult to handle questions of this kind by correspondence.

I shall write Mr. Stapleton, telling him just how the case stands, and suggesting that if he feels like making any further effort to secure Mr. Allen he write to you, & then apply himself to overcoming the inertia of the "declining to vote column". Understanding that those who object to sending Mr. Allen to Erzrum

would not object to his being associated with an older, more experienced missionary than Mr. Stapleton, & wrote Mr. Cole of Bitlis suggesting that if he would like Mr. A. for an associate & thought the Mission would approve. He represents that the ladies of Bitlis station have their hearts so set on a physician that it would be useless to propose Mr. A., & in addition I see that he fears a little because of what he has heard in regard to Mr. A's tendency to too free use of money & also to be too easily influenced by natives. If I am not mistaken, these are among the reasons urged by the Kharput missionaries against his assignment to Erzrûm. But no doubt you have the views of these (Kharput) brethren, & I need not repeat them.

The representative of the Church Missionary Society at Bagdad & Mosul, Rev. J. N. Parfit, is here and expects to spend the hottest part of the summer. He is a very pleasant man, & seems disposed to be eminently courteous & fair in all that pertains to the relations of our adjoining fields. He is anxious to secure a number of teachers from here, but refuses to negotiate with any one in service here without our full consent.

I have recently had a rather severe turn with my malady - I was quite disabled for a week or more at the last of May, so that I was able to be present at only a part of the examinations & closing exercises of the school year, & have fallen much behind in the matter of various reports I am expected to prepare. I have been improving the last few weeks, but shall have to be very careful & keep pretty quiet. It seems to come very inopportunely when we are so short-handed.

It has been decided to try & keep the girls' school going next year, Mrs. Dewey & Mrs. Thom sharing the management. It is a rather hazardous experiment which nothing would justify but the extreme need. The safety "margin" is already reduced to zero, if indeed we have not already crossed over to the danger side. We have the sensations of one in a life & death struggle who feels himself being slowly but irresistibly pressed to the earth!

Very Sincerely Yours,

Willis G. Dewey.

Bitlis – Mardin.

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Van, June 18th. 1901.

Dear Friends of the E.T.M.

I would like to say a few words about the vote we are starting this morning. I regret that Dr. Dewey's letter does not give more definite information concerning the state of the vote. I think it would have been desirable to state just who voted and how they voted, and what reasons if any were assigned for the vote. It would seem that the meaning of the announcement was that it was decided not to ask Mr. Allen to come to E.T.M. and yet the remark that if Bitlis wished to invite him there would be no objection, seems to imply that there was no objection to his coming to the mission. We are at a loss to know how to understand this. It did not occur to us that in preferring the form we suggested that he come to the mission and his location be determined later we were voting against his going to Erzroom, and did not mean that, indeed supposed that would be the best way, but simply thought that perhaps a little farther conference as to his location might be desirable. Perhaps we did wrong in thus varying our vote, and fearing that it is this which may have thrown the thing off, we hasten to correct it. It seems to us that it would be a pity for this opportunity of supplying Erzroom to pass unimproved. Mrs. Raynolds and I were associated with the Allens for a considerable time, and found them very pleasant associates. That they were not perfect goes without saying, and unfortunately the number of that class whom we have been privileged to meet is not large. Fixedness of purpose and perseverance in carrying it out were the qualities which were weak in his make-up, but from what Dr. Barton wrote we judge that he has come to appreciate these weaknesses and we have little doubt that he will succeed in overcoming them in good measure. He had the faculty of winning the people I think, and of influencing them for good. If we were seeking a clerical missionary associate, I think we would be very ready to invite the Allens back here again.

Dr. Dewey says that Harpoot is sending its views to the other stations but we have not received any account of its opinions on the subject. In such a question it almost seems as if a vote by stations would be fairer than a vote by individuals. At any rate we in Van do not wish that any responsibility for their not returning should rest on our shoulders. As long as any other station has not presented a request for them to come to them, it would seem as if a vote to join the mission were about equivelent to a vote to locate at Erzroom, where they are definitely and earnestly desired.

I am happy to report that we too are very highly favored in the matter of rain, having enjoyed a fine shower yesterday, and it would seem that even without any more rain the crop were pretty well secured, tho at least one more say two weeks hence would greatly assist in filling out the wheat, which promises to be even more abundant this year than last. The fruit crop also promises well, and so living is cheaper than we have ever seen it during our residence in Van.

With love for all the friends along the line, and earnestly hoping for good news from Mrs. Barnum and the other invalids of the Harpoot circle

Your's most sincerely

G. C. Raynolds.

Van, June 18th. 1901.

Made of the P.T.M.

I would like to say a few words about the vote we are starting. I regret that Dr. Dewey's letter does not give more definite information concerning the state of the vote. I think it would have been desirable to state just who voted and how they voted, and what reasons were assigned for the vote. It would seem that the meaning of the amendment was that it was decided not to ask Mr. Allen to come to P.T.M. the remark that if Pillis wished to invite him there would be no objection, seems to imply that there was a misunderstanding to the

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With love for all the friends along the line, and earnestly hoping for news from Mrs. Patrum and the other inmates of the Hapoot circle.

Your's most sincerely

D. C. Thompson

Very Sincerely Yours,

Nellie B. Beaver

Mardin, Turkey in Asia.
Monday, July 22, 1901.

Dear Dr. Barton,

With this I send you the Annual Tabular View of Mardin Station for 1900 & also a summary of the Tabular Views for all the Stations of the Mission. This is the first time since my induction into the office of Stated Clerk of the Mission that I have been able to get the Tab. Views of all the Stations so as to make up a Summary for the Rooms. If you can suggest any improvement in the matter, I shall be very glad to receive your suggestions for the future. In regard to some columns not filled out, of course the stated clerk cannot give any more than he receives!

I am sorry to have fallen much behind because of my disability, but I shall hope to have our Station Report for 1900 & Estimates for 1902 ready soon. Mrs. Dewey & I came to the Garden a week ago last Friday.

I enclose also with this vote of the Mission for a vacation for Dr. Gates.

Yours,
Willis G. Dewey

Honolulu Hawaiian Islands
Monday July 22, 1901

Dear Sir Bishop:

Just this week you the Central Board of Missions of Honolulu sent in 1900 & also a summary of the Honolulu Diocese for all the dioceses of the Missionary District of Hawaii. Since then I have received from the office of Bishop Kinsolving a statement that it has been said to be that I am of the opinion that it is not wise to be a member of the Board of Missions but I shall be very pleased to become a member of the Board of Missions if it is your wish.

Yours very respectfully and faithfully
Henry Kinsolving

Rev. Dr. Lindsay
Secretary of the Board of Missions
Church House
Philadelphia, Pa.

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Mardin, Turkey in Asia.
Monday, August 5, 1901.

Dear Dr. Barton,

By the last post I have received Dr. Smith's letter of June 27, acknowledging receipt of Mission votes for the omission of annual meeting, asking for the return of Mr. & Mrs. Andrus, & an incomplete vote in regard to the return of Miss Pratt.

There is no probability of another vote being proposed in regard to Miss Pratt. In sending the incomplete vote referred to, attention was called to the fact that the Missionaries of Mardin, Bitlis, & Van voted unanimously in the affirmative, while Erzrûm & Kharpût declined to vote on account of the condition attached. My understanding is that the missionaries of these two stations would sign a simple, unconditional vote asking for her return, but Mardin does not wish her return, except on the condition proposed. I earnestly hope she will comply with the condition, as we should be sorry to lose her.

The blanks for statistics reached me just in the nick of time, & I have already forwarded the statistics for Mardin with a summary for the whole Mission. I hope they have reached you safely.

Mrs. Dewey & I are at our summer garden. I am unable to go back & forth according to my custom in previous years. I did go into the city last week to be present at examinations & closing exercises of the city schools, six in number, which have been under my special supervision the last school year. I suffered severely going in, but engaged men to carry me in a chair returning & came out very comfortably. Commendable progress has been made in school work during the year, though there is still much to be done before we shall reach the desired standard of excellence. We are trying to work on the lines of the old proverb, "Slow and sure; success secure". Our friends from Bagdad of the C. M. S. think we would do well to give up our more distinctively evangelistic work & put our strength into school work. I think he is mistaken, though it is possible to do an immense amount of evangelistic work thro the schools. And this aim is constantly before us.

A mission vote is in approving Dr. Barnum's going to Marsovan with his family for medical treatment. Unfortunately, I have left copy in the city. Perhaps the statement that it carried is sufficient.

Very Sincerely Yours, Willis B. Dewey.

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Mardin, Turkey in Asia.
Monday, August 12, 1901.

Dear Dr. Barton,

In reply to the circular letter in regard to enlargement of the work, Mardin submits the following, made up by the missionaries on the ground in consultation with native members of the Coöperation Committee. I follow the order of the questions given, & endeavor to be as concise & brief as possible. Perhaps it should be said that in the general conditions at present prevailing there is a very large element of uncertainty; we may be able to realize but little of what is here submitted, even if abundant means are furnished, while on the other hand it is possible conditions may so change as to call for much greater enlargement. We can only state what at present seems probable we should be able to do if the means are supplied.

First, let me call attention to the fact that the work represented in our estimates, work which we have been trying to keep along in piece-meal fashion, dropping a part now here now there according to the exigencies of the time, calls for nearly $600- per annum more than the Board's usual appropriation, to sustain it properly.

Coming now to the questions, –

Native Agency.

Needed additional for support of pastors, evangelists, &c., 126 £.T. = about $550 – This would provide for five new centers with a population of 4000–5000 souls, & put on a substantial basis the work in three more places that have been more or less irregularly occupied.

Education.

Needed additional for support of schools, 53 £.T. = about $230. This would open two new schools & enable us to maintain five more which will have to be dropped unless appropriations are increased. It would enable us to employ six new teachers & bring Christian education to 200–300 children immediately, & this number would probably soon increase.

Building.

Needed for new buildings 970 £.T. = nearly $4300. Two church buildings, one for Mardin & one for Midyat, would need aid 700 £.T. Repairs of church in Kutturbul 15 £.T. Three new buildings for schools, 255 £.T.

Literature.

As for the present fairly well provided for.

Missionaries.

One new family is urgently needed at once, & three single ladies. Additional salary needed for these, ~~592½~~ 412½ L. S = $1815.

Stations.

No new station is needed within the limits of our field.

We expect seven or eight young men & five or six young women to graduate from our High-Schools next June, — there are more than these to graduate, but these will be ready to take positions as teachers, & we want to be in a position to employ them all, as we are still lacking efficient helpers. Of course it is possible to go into details & spread out our needs at much greater length, I have given a condensed statement.

Very sincerely yours,
Willis B. Sewey.

Please let me know of the receipt of this, & also of the Tabular View sent some days since. Our mail is much interfered with & we feel no certainty that anything we write reaches its destination!

Answering President Caperis Inquiries

Hamilton Tarky

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Mardin, Turkey in Asia -
Monday, August 26, 1901-

Dear Dr. Barton,

I am very sorry to be so late with the annual report of the station, enclosed herewith. And to my great chagrin, I find my supply of Mission House paper gives out before finishing it. If I wait to send into the city for more, it will delay sending the report a whole week. So I finish it up with such as I have that you may have it all in hand as soon as possible.

By the last post I received Dr. Smith's letter of July 30, announcing appointment of Dr. Underwood & his intended bride to the Eastern Turkey Mission, probably to be located at Bitlis.

It seems a pity Dr. Atkinson stops in Paris to study French, a language for which he will have scarcely any use after passing his examination, instead of coming to Constantinople or Aintab & getting the Turkish which will be useful to him every day, & at the same time be learning the people & their ways.

Very Sincerely Yours,
Willis G. Dewey

I will recopy the last pages of report & send next week.

Marshall, Aug. 26, 1901

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Nurs. Eve., Oct. 3, 1901 ~~189~~

My Dear Barton,

I remember that when I wrote you some months ago I intimated I should send you a line occasionally to let you know a little about how things are going on in the Mission, - & this is my next attempt! I had a very bad turn with my trouble the last of May that practically disabled me for a couple of weeks, & threw me behind in my work, - so I did not get the annual report of the station for last year made out until in August. I would send you a copy, but that I know you have enough to occupy your mind where you are.

A year ago yesterday the Andruses & Miss Pratt left us. The last post brought us such word that we suppose they are to return this autumn, - at least the Ds. Miss P's case was still undecided. Mardin, Bitlis & Van voted unanimously for the vote in the form I advised you of, but Erzrûm & Kharpût refused to vote at all. Kht. took us to task pretty roundly for proposing such a vote, declaring we had no right to attach conditions, - a position which we are quite at a loss to understand. We were quite unwilling a vote for her return should pass without some such conditions, so as the matter stood at a dead-lock in the Mission we as a station decided to submit the whole matter to the Prud. Com. & abide by its decision. Dr. Smith seemed somewhat troubled, or puzzled, about it, but wrote he could not conceive of her declining to give such assurances as the proposed vote asked

for. Mr. & Mrs. Andrus heartily supported our position. A letter from Miss P. herself, to whom I sent a copy of the proposed vote with a statement of the attitude of the station, seemed to indicate that she utterly fails to grasp our view. I am informed that a Miss Demangel has been appointed to come to us this fall. A physician has been appointed to Bitlis. Erzrum still in <u>statu quo</u>, unless the young ladies have left as they intimated they should do unless they were given a new school building. Kharput refused to vote on this question without more detailed information which E. did not seem inclined to give, so there is another dead lock!

The three Eastern stations started a proposition for their organization into a separate Mission, - this also was ignored by Kharput. Dr. Raynolds made demand on Kharput for Miss Platt, - who you will call was originally designated to Van. Kharput's protest reminded me very strongly of Mardin's protest against Gates's transfer to Kharput six years ago! but as Kharput's protest had half the voting force of the Mission behind it, it was more <u>mighty</u> than Mardin's. H. M. Allen has been vigorously demanding a "<u>vindication</u>", in view of things said or written in regard to his proposed rejoining E. & M. It seems to me not only needless & useless, but also very unwise.

The English missionary of Mosul & Bagdad came up to spend ten days or so, & finally remained with us some two mos. Rev. J. D. Parfit, a nice man, thoroughly evangelical, & disposed to be eminently courteous & fair in all his relations with us. I liked him very much.

Boys' School opens with an enrolment more than 50% larger than a year ago. Mrs. Dewey & Mrs. Thom are keeping the Girls' School running in hopes Mrs. Andrus will take it up again when she comes. Mrs. Dewey joins me in cordial greetings to Mrs. Barton, - & I am, as ever Yours, Hillis B. Dewey.

Mardin, Turkey in Asia.
Saturday, Oct. 19, 1901.

Dear Dr. Barton,

If I mistake not, my last to you was of date Sept. 2. Since that time I have received Dr. Smith's letters of Aug. 6, Sept. 4, 9, & 11. Three matters referred to in these letters have given us much joy, – news of the appointment of Miss Devenga to Mardin, the return of the Andruses this autumn, & Miss Pratt's acceptance of the terms upon which her return was conditioned. Our joy is somewhat tempered by the intimation in the last letter that the Andruses may spend the winter in Egypt, & that for health reasons Miss Pratt's return is deferred for the present. However, a letter from Mr. Andrus of later date says nothing of Egypt & intimates that they expect to be in Alexandretta the 29th of this month, though the route they would take from England would not be decided upon till they reached England.

I infer that letters have been lost, as Dr. Smith refers to the plan for spending the winter on the way as something already understood, whereas this letter is the first intimation we have had of anything of the kind. For some weeks now

our post has been very meager. Scarcely a paper has gotten through to us, & we know not how many letters have been lost. Something must be going on in the outside world, which the censor considers would be harmful to the public welfare if known here!

Dr. Smith in his last letter mentions that the reports from the stations of the Mission are not yet all in hand. I must plead guilty for the Mardin report being late, though I hope it reached him very soon after his letter was written. I am not in a position to speak for the other stations. No mention has been made of the receipt of the Tabular View, with summary for the whole Mission, which I sent on July 22. I hope they have not been lost, though if they have been I can furnish copies if desired. A copy of the report for Erzrûm station for the Mission files reached me only last week!

I hope the Board has had a successful & stimulating meeting, the fruits of which will appear in greater interest & zeal in the churches.

Very sincerely yours,

Willis B. Dewey

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Mardin, Turkey in Asia.
Sat. Eve., Dec. 7, 1901.

Dear Dr. Barton,

By the time this reaches Boston you must be at home again. I trust the visit to India has been in every way a pleasant & profitable one, & that you have found much there to cheer & encourage.

We are greatly cheered by the return of Mr. & Mrs. Andrus with a new helper, Miss Ye-nenga. They came in Wed the 4th, having made the journey from Diarbekir in the first rain storm of the season that has amounted to anything in the way of wetting up the parched ground & filling the empty cisterns. The distress for water has been very great, & it was with a feeling of great relief & deep thanksgiving that the people saw the water actually running from the roofs into the cisterns. Would that there might be as earnest longing for the showers of divine grace as there has been for the rain!

We meet with so little to encourage us in these days, I want to translate for you a part of a letter just received from Melki Marina,

pastor of the Midyat church. After speaking of the great hardships the people have suffered from scarcity of water, he goes on; "In the meantime two members of our Community have died, & according to our custom evening services with preaching were held in the house of each for four or five days. Many from other (i.e. non-Protestant) Communities attended these services, even their priests, & while they were in progress the plan was proposed of holding union meetings for three days with fasting & prayer that God would have mercy upon us & send rain. The plan was favorably received by all, & we began last Monday, continuing thro Tuesday & Wednesday. The shops in the market were closed, & each morning each Community gathered in its accustomed place for worship, while at noon all gathered in the Syrian monastery outside the town & spent about three hours in worship. First the priests conducted the usual service according to the ritual of their church, & then they gave me an opportunity to preach. Over a thousand were assembled, yet they were quiet & kept good order. They gave me a place to stand while preaching in the door

of the temple (i.e. at the entrance to the altar, the most sacred place in the church, regarded with special veneration & to be most jealously guarded from desecration such as the delivery of a Protestant sermon would usually be considered!). If a bit of noise came from any one the priests promptly silenced him, & would quiet any one who made the least sound. They allowed me to continue for so long a time as I pleased. All listened eagerly, & at the close, still standing in the door of the temple I offered prayer. So we spent these three days, praying together in harmony & love such as during all the twenty years of my service in Kindyat I have never seen before. Praise be to God, who leads us in the procession of His triumph!

"Also during these days a plan was devised for gathering stores of provisions from the houses, - wheat, flour, - the like, - for the poor, which was successfully carried out, all working together in harmony, & now distribution is being made to the needy. Praise be to God who has heard our prayers & given us rain! We beseech him to make it the occasion of spiritual blessing to this place, for He is able to bring forth

sweetness from the bitter."

We were somewhat taken aback by Dr. Smith's reference to the possibility of the Druses spending the winter in Egypt, as he said the Prud. Com. had authorized them to do. We had had no intimation of any such plan being under consideration. However, "all is well that ends well", & as they are safely here there is no occasion to say anything more.

Very sincerely yours,

Nellis B. Dewey.

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Mardin, Turkey in Asia.
Monday, Dec. 23, 1901.

Dear Dr. Barton,

I have time for but a word with this intersessional vote for the Erzrûm school building. It has just barely secured the necessary five-sixths of the voting members of the Mission. Some of us feel rather doubtful as to the expediency of putting so large a sum of foreign money into an institution of this kind in such a place as Erzrûm. Very possibly I should have voted for it if my vote had been needed to carry it, but as I count the vote I have the privilege of being the last one to vote, & in this case I prefer not to decide whether to vote in aff. or neg.

The proposition for setting off Bitlis, Van, & Erzrûm as a separate Mission, temporarily at least, still lacks a few votes, — these may yet be gained. There is much to be said on both sides.

The church here is in a great muss over the marriage of a couple from the old Syrian community by the pastor.

I am hoping for the appropriations by every post.

Yours,

Willis B. Dewey.

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Mardin, Turkey in Asia.
Sat. Eve., Feb. 8, 1902.

Dear Dr. Barton,

I have already made two attempts to get off my personal letter, or statement of my work during the past year; & hope this time to be able to carry it through! The fact is that during the first half of the current school year I have had a little more on my shoulders than I could well carry. Now the second half has begun, & I am relieved of a class in the Girls' School which required a good deal of time, so I hope to be able to attend to what remains a little better than was possible under previous conditions.

The work I have tried to do has been essentially the same as I reported a year ago. My main care has been the High School for Boys & charge of the orphans. I am still stated clerk of the Mission, Secretary & Treasurer of the station, have charge of the Book Department & of Colporteur work in the field, & have the superintendency of the city schools, - i.e. of those belonging to the Protestant Community or supported by the missionaries, ten in all. I have also had my share of the work of the Coöperation Committee of which I am chairman, & in the petty routine of missionary life. Among other incidentals, I have written

nearly 600 letters, English & Arabic, for transmission by the post, & probably nearly twice as many more Arabic letters. To be sure, many of these have been very brief, but even the brief ones take some time.

I had hoped, though I had hardly ventured to expect, that on Mr. Andrus's return I might be relieved of the care of the orphans, but I yield to the judgment of my associates that it is best I should continue to care for them, especially as this will leave Mr. Andrus free for the touring in the field which is so sorely needed. The Boys' High School opened in Sept. with an attendance more than 50 % larger than the previous year. During the previous school year I had no regular classes in the school save the daily exercise in vocal music, but this year it seemed necessary for me to take the two most advanced classes in English. Various reasons led us to make an attempt in Coëducation, to the extent of combining with one of these classes the senior class in the Girls' High School. It made a fine class of seventeen, - eleven boys & six girls, - & its success has been all that I could hope for. Of course the most scrupulous care had to be taken that there should be no opportunity for free inter-

course between the sexes before or after recitation such as would be taken as a matter of course in an American school. Certainly, bringing the two together has had a most excellent effect in stimulating the intellectual activity of both, & I am inclined to think it has also had a favorable influence on both sides in the development of character. I am aware that this is a matter that needs very careful handling, & while thus far I have seen only good in the experiment we are making it may not seem best to repeat it immediately. If Coeducation is a good thing for this country, it will gradually make its way if we do not crowd it too fast.

To help out in the Girls' School, I also took the Senior Class in a course of study of the Minor Prophets, thus making me in all nearly four hours of class-room work a day, besides the time needed in preparation for this last-mentioned lesson. Now Mrs. Andrus has taken charge of the Girls' School for the second half year, & she will relieve me of this class which is to take up the Epistles.

Petty details connected with the Treasurership have been increased by the adoption of a plan for enabling the helpers to accumulate a little reserve

by retaining 5% of each one's salary, this reserve to be paid over to the helper on his leaving the work, or in case of his death to his family. For some 20 years the helpers have been trying to arrange something of this sort, but have never succeeded in reaching a practical conclusion. Our plan is made optional to each helper now in the work, but is to be obligatory on every one entering the work in future. I shall watch its working with much interest.

During the last few weeks of the year I think I have been enabled to do a real service to the church & community in Mardin. Quite a tempest was raised by the pastor's marrying a couple of Syrians whose relationship was within the degrees prohibited by the laws of that church. If the parties had been poor & insignificant, probably no notice would have been taken of the affair, but as they belonged to a wealthy & influential family, it made a great stir. As I understand the matter, the pastor's action was in violation of the civil law & he laid himself liable to heavy penalties had the Syrian Community chosen to take the matter to the government. Fortunately for him, however, the Syrians had frequently transgressed in the same way, so they hesitated about entering an action which might prove a boomerang

& do them more harm than good! However, the Protestant church & community was divided, some condemning in strongest terms the pastor's action, & others approving it on the ground that it would have a salutary effect in future in restraining the Syrians from trespassing on the rights of the Protestants in these matters.

A large majority of the church was in favor of proceeding at once to severe measures of discipline, excommunicating or at least suspending the pastor & those of the church members who being also members of the executive committee of the community had concurred in authorizing him to perform the ceremony. A large number of special meetings was held, at which I was asked to preside. I could illy spare the time & was scarcely in fit physical condition to attempt so arduous a task, but I thought the case was of sufficient importance to warrant my putting forth every possible effort to bring it to a satisfactory conclusion. There seemed to me real danger of coming to a deadlock from which there would be no possible escape, & the inevitable result the division & very probably the disintegration & destruction of the church. It was a very trying position, as you can readily

understand, for they were like a company of undisciplined children. But in the end divine grace proved stronger than human passion, & we were able to come to a settlement that was accepted practically unanimously. The church declared in very plain language its disapproval of the action of the pastor & those of its membership who had concurred in authorizing him to perform the ceremony, characterizing it as being a violation of the law of the realm, contrary to the spirit & teachings of the gospel, & sure to weaken the influence of the church & its power as a witness to divine truth. But while considering them worthy of censure, it declared its purpose to drop the matter now & begged all its members to let it sink into oblivion, & to apply themselves with renewed zeal & diligence to effort for promoting the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom. Both sides expressed the warmest gratitude to me, declaring that but for my efforts there would have been an utter break up. I do not consider myself deserving of any special praise for my part in the matter. I am devoutly grateful to God that I had the opportunity, & that He crowned my efforts with success. And in view of the fact that it is so little

I have ever done in the affairs of the church & community here, so that some have thought me indifferent to its interests, it is very gratifying to have my efforts appreciated. The final action of the church in the matter was the adoption almost verbatim of a paper I had drawn up embodying my view of the case, hardly expecting it would be accepted by either side but hoping it might help prepare the way for a definite settlement.

I am making my letter too long, though I have given but the merest outline of this case. I must, however, add a word in regard to my health, which has been far from satisfactory this year. I have had several severe turns of hemorrhage & stricture, in particular one just before the close of the school year last June, which kept me in bed for several days. Dr. Shepard came down from Diarbekir in the spring to examine me, & since his return this winter has written me that he intends to get the apparatus for what is called the Bottini operation for the Aintab hospital, & on his return to Aintab this coming autumn will be ready to perform the operation if I will come there. It is hard to decide what is best. If it finally seems necessary, or best, to go there,

or possibly elsewhere, should application first be made to the Prudential Committee for leave of absence & necessary expenses, - & if so should it be in the form of a Mission vote, or would my personal application endorsed by Dr. Thom & Dr. Shepard be sufficient?

I ought perhaps to say a word in regard to Mrs. Dewey's work this last year. Besides her care of Miss Graf, & taking her to Urfa last spring, she had charge of the Girls' school, part of the time ~~in~~ associated with Mrs. Thom, & part of the time alone, until the close of the school year in June. When it came to considering whether the school could be continued this year, beginning last Sept., the two ladies arranged for a division of the care whereby Mrs. Thom should be responsible for the school work, studies & discipline in the school-room, & Mrs. Dewey for the domestic department & discipline in the dormitory. This arrangement has worked satisfactorily up to the close of the first half year, when Mrs. Andrus was asked to take charge of the school again. Mrs. Dewey has given me valuable aid also in the supervision of the city schools.

Very sincerely Yours,

Willis B. Dewey.

Marash, Oct. 8, 1902.

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Mardin, Feb. 9, 1902.

My dear Barton,

I was very glad to receive by the last post yours of Dec. 31st announcing your return to Boston & taking up your usual work. It cannot be questioned that the visit to India was of the greatest value, both to you & the Missions there, & also to the Board. I only wish you could have taken us in on your homeward way! But we shall look forward to that as a pleasure & blessing in reserve.

I have experienced no little difficulty in writing my personal letter, trying to avoid the extremes of meagerness & prolixity. I suppose that you desire, & it is right that you should have, a very frank statement, even if it may seem to the writer an undue magnifying of his own doings. I am beginning to realize that there is in my case a real danger of becoming a sort of machine, discharging routine duties in a perfunctory way in which there is too little of the life-giving spirit. Yet, it is my earnest desire to bring to the performance of every duty such a spirit that it may be a real service to the Master. I believe that only in this way is it possible to maintain that vital union with Christ which is the indispensable condition of true Christian life. I am prone to value too highly my own efforts & to take pride in any success that may seem to attend them, even tho I may succeed pretty well in concealing these feelings from others. I do try to cultivate a true humility, ready to do anything I can to help without stopping to inquire

too closely what the result will be to my own reputation, or whether I myself or some one else is likely to get the credit of any good that may come, ready to be ignored, counted nothing, or even misunderstood & blamed, if only the desired end may be secured, & Christ & His gospel glorified in & through me.

It is a great help & a great comfort to have Mr. & Mrs. Andrus with us again. And Miss Menenga gives promise of making a very efficient worker. I have been appointed to have general oversight of her study of the language, & am much pleased with the way in which she takes it up. She seems to have a specially happy disposition & that will win the people to her, while her experiences in working her own way through College will stand her in good stead to keep her from making mistakes in her relations with them.

We have just had a very pleasant little visit from Dr. Norton & Mr. Knapp, accompanied by Dr. Shepard. They arrived Tues. eve., Jan. 21; Mr. K. left Thurs. morn., & the other two gentlemen Fri. morn. We were not expecting Dr. Shepard, & it quite took my breath away when he informed me Wed. noon that he came thinking it might be best to operate on me here & now! Dr. Nhom had just sent him a hard slot I had passed, examination of which showed the presence of tumors (I forget their technical name) in the bladder, to which is probably due the hemorrhages. Their removal would be comparatively simple, & possibly might obviate the necessity for operation upon the enlarged gland, at least for some years. After an examination, he recommended immediate operation & wished me to decide by the next morning! This was quite a stunner. It would lay me up probably for a month, if everything went well, & of course there was uncertainty to a greater or less degree as to what else

might be found on opening the abdomen. We were just coming to mid-year examinations, accounts for the first quarter of the year with helpers, & besides many things were in arrears & in no condition to be dropped for a month or transferred to other hands. I had about made up my mind to ask for a month's grace when Dr. Thom called me aside & said that while he of course was ready to do everything in his power to make the operation a success & in caring for me afterwards he would rather have me go to Aintab, even if he had to go with me, as there is better equipment there & fuller stock of instruments & appliances, & while so far as could be determined beforehand he has here all instruments likely to be needed, yet there was no telling what might be found on coming to the actual operation, & he wished to eliminate as far as possible any chances of failure. He referred also to the exceeding inconvenience in every way of having me disabled just now. He had talked the matter over with Dr. Shepard who had assented that unless hemorrhages became excessive it was comparatively a matter of indifference whether the operation should take place now or be deferred till autumn.

Dr. Shepard talked with me in regard to going to Aintab or to Europe. He said he could not speak of Vienna from personal observation, but he had spent some time in the London hospitals & thought his own work would not suffer in comparison with that done there. He felt competent to undertake the operation, but it was for me to decide. It hardly seems to me I should be justified in taking the time & going to the expense of a trip to Europe,

unless there are very urgent reasons for doing so, if there is a reasonable prospect of a successful operation at Aintab, Marsovan, or Beirût, such reasons do not seem to me to exist. I must say that while I consider it a duty to use all means at my command, yet my hope of healing is in God rather than in the physicians. It is possible though not probable that the tumors may break up or disappear, in which case there will remain only the enlargement of the gland to be dealt with. I am not without hope that the trip to Aintab may be averted, it seems to me now an impossible undertaking, but I need not cross the bridge till I get to it!

Mr. Knapp is dead set on having an Annual Meeting at Kharpût this year. I fear if he presses the matter in spirit he shows here, it will make the feeling against Kharpût in the other stations of the Mission stronger than ever. He seemed utterly unable to take any other view of the case than that Kharpût's convenience in the matter is the only thing to be taken into consideration. His reasons for urging Kharpût are that Kharpût cannot send a delegate any where else, & it is ten years since an Annual meeting has been held there! But it is even longer since a meeting has been held at Van, & if Kharpût with four men cannot send a delegate anywhere else, how can stations that have only one man send a delegate to Kht. He said his sister is to go to America, & could take Kht. on the way as delegate from Bitlis!

The proposition to authorize the three Eastern stations to hold meetings for their interests still lacks two or three votes of carrying, — also the proposition to reduce the number of votes required to carry an intersession vote from 5/6 to 2/3 of the voting force of the Mission.

I have received from Dr. Smith statement of the funds appropriated to the Mission for each of the departments, Salaries, General Work, & Work for Women, & your stenographer, Miss Pike, was so kind as to send list of salaries in detail for which I am much obliged. Other details I hope to get from Mr. Peet.

W.C.

Dewey

MAR 10 1902

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Mardin, Turkey in Asia.

Feb. 10, 1902

MAR 12 1902

Dear Dr. Barton,

The station has voted to ask permission of the Prudential Committee to dispose of the house in Midyat, & also to be allowed to sell it at a nominal price if the church & community there shall wish to purchase it for church & school purposes. When it was built it seemed necessary to provide accommodations for a missionary family to reside there, & for a number of years a family did reside there. It was also expected that a training school would be located there, to prepare helpers for work in the Jebel et Tur region. Circumstances have changed greatly since that time, & it seems doubtful if it will be needed further for either purpose. It has been practically unoccupied for the last eight or nine years, & in present conditions it is becoming very difficult to protect it & the premises from the depredations of lawless roughs. Will the Committee approve the sale?

Yours, Willis G. Dewey

Sec'y of Mardin Station.

Overdamped, 10/19/12

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Mardin, Turkey in Asia.
Sat. Eve., March 15, 1902.

Dear Dr. Barton,

By the post received today I have your letter of Feb. 14 with copy of the Appropriations. I thank you very much for sending them, though no doubt you have received my letter stating that the copies first sent finally came to hand.

By the last preceding post I received yours of Feb. 7 & note what you say in regard to the Erzrum buildings & have written to Mr. Stapleton on the matter, though I presume he will have taken the matter in hand, & I hope will have prepared & started around the Mission a statement such as you have called for, before my letter reaches him.

I fear you do not quite grasp the situation in regard to annual meetings & the proposition to allow the three Eastern stations of the Mission to hold meetings by themselves. I heartily agree with all you say in regard to the importance of annual meetings, & their importance is much greater for the stations with feeble force than for those with a large force.

you can see that for Stapleton at Erzrum & Cole at Bitlis an annual meeting means much more than it can for Kharput with four families & six young ladies! There are enough at Kharput so they do not feel the need of advice & consultation as the smaller stations do. And there seems to be a feeling in some of the other stations that Kharput is just as well pleased that there shall not be any annual meetings, that she can manage her affairs better without having them discussed by the Mission! And is it quite fair for Kht to say, "You may come here & have an annual meeting, if you like, - we shall be glad to see you; but we will not send a delegate to any other place". Erzrum has recently argued very strenuously in regard to the proposed building there that other stations cannot judge without being on the ground what is necessary & what is suitable. And for other reasons the old principle of rotation in place for holding annual meeting seems highly desirable. Dr. Raynolds has for years been longing for a meeting in Van, because he feels there are problems in connection with the work of that station that need the consideration of the Mission, & need to be

looked at on the ground. And now to have Kharput virtually say, "you cannot have an annual meeting this year unless you will come here", seems rather hard. More than this, to suppose an extreme case which I can hardly conceive as possible to happen, yet is quite within the range of possibility, - According to the last hand book each station of the Mission is entitled to one delegate, except Kharput which is entitled to two, - six delegates in all, half of whom constitute a quorum. At present it seems very doubtful whether more than one of the other stations can send a delegate to Kharput, - the meeting assembles, two Kharput delegates & one other; Kharput has a majority, & on organizing votes that all members of the Mission present be authorized to vote, & we have a meeting of the Mission in which Kharput has four votes, - 1 on questions pertaining to Work for Women, - against one for all the rest of the Mission. You are no doubt better informed on all that pertains to the Erzrum buildings than I am, - what chance would that question, for example, have in such a meeting! So, taken "by & large" as the saying is, it seems to me it would be no more than fair to allow the three

Eastern stations of the Mission to meet together for the counsel & mutual aid of which they feel so sorely in need. Say nothing at present about a "division of the Mission", but let these three stations meet & their action on questions affecting their own affairs have the force of full Mission action. Trust objects that if this is done, it will become a permanent thing. Seems to me there is no danger of that unless it proves a good thing, in which case no one ought to object to its becoming permanent. And if it is not a good thing, the best way to find it out & stop all agitation of the matter is to try it!

Really, it seems to me the situation is becoming serious. It is not only that we are not getting the momentum in our work of concerted & harmonious action of all the stations together, but disintegrating tendencies are at work which cannot but prove most disastrous to the future prosperity & success of the Mission, unless some means are soon found to stop them.

Very sincerely Yours,

Willis S. Bewley.

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Mardin, Turkey in Asia.
Saturday, March 29, 1902.

Dear Dr. Barton,

By Monday's post I received your letter of Feb. 21 in regard to Miss Pratt's return to Mardin, & the station has had it under consideration. We heartily agree with you that if she is to return it is most important that there shall be a clear & definite understanding on the question at issue.

May I say that it seems to us you do not quite grasp the situation nor understand the position of Mardin station? This I explained to you in my first letter on the subject, Mch. 18, 1901, & more fully in a later one, May 6. Perhaps you have not been over the correspondence received during your absence in India, or if you have, this matter may not have impressed itself on your mind. You say, "This belief is held in different degrees by as many different people. I have not heard from many mission fields of objections being raised to the presence of these missionaries who hold that belief," implying that we object to her presence here if she holds these views. This is not at all our position. We are sorry that she takes what seems to us so perverted a view of the teachings of Scripture, but we recognize fully her right to liberty of conscience.

& have no desire to control it in the slightest degree, nor to dictate in any particular what she shall or shall not believe. We are not out on a heresy hunt in any way or shape, & the attempt to make it appear that we are trying to muzzle freedom of conscience comes perilously near to wilful perversion of the facts in the case!

You suggest that Miss Pratt would not oppose any one's taking medicine or using means for recovery in case of illness. This seems to us a matter of quite secondary importance, the essential thing being that these views distort the simple truth of the gospel, & especially among these people will be almost sure to fix attention upon healing of the body as the main thing to be sought through the gospel, rather than the salvation of the soul.

Believing, as we do, that these views are pernicious & subversive of the main aim & purpose of our work, is it not our duty to guard so far as possible against their dissemination in this field? Should parties having no relation to us come in & attempt to teach these views, the case would be very different from having one of our number promulgating them. In the latter

case we should be held in a measure responsible for them, or find ourselves in the awkward position of having to openly antagonize the teachings of an associate.

On March 25, 1901, I sent Miss Pratt a copy of the proposed vote with a very full & frank explanation of the views of the station. In her reply she made this statement, "I did not 'press' my views upon Miss Graf, & not feeling that the natives were ready for it I have said very little about them in the field". It was with much satisfaction & a great feeling of relief that we learned last fall that she had accepted the proposed condition, so we looked upon the matter as definitely settled. What then is our disappointment to find that she now wishes to withdraw her assent. This condition was really a test; if she accepted it readily, that would be a strong indication that there was no danger of any trouble about the matter, while refusal would seem to show that there was real ground for our solicitude & that there was need of some such safe-guard as the vote proposed. What you say of her present attitude seems to show that she is at last definitely committed to these views which we had hoped she was only half-entertaining in a spec-

relative way, & in connection with the sentence quoted above from her letter, that she feels she must make them prominent in her work among the natives.

There is no question as to her earnest Christian character, or her honesty & sincerity in all this matter. The question is simply whether it is for the best interests of the evangelical work in this field that she return without the assurance proposed. To this question the station feels compelled to answer in the negative. At the same time, as stated in my letter of May 6, we leave the matter to the decision of the Prudential Committee. We recognize its superior authority, & if it thinks best to over-rule our judgment, shall yield to its decision.

In behalf of Mardin Station,
Willis B. Dewey,
Station Secretary.

This letter has been read in the hearing of all the members of the station, & approved by all, including the married ladies. W. B. D.

We count Baptists & Methodists good Christians, but we should not think it desirable to have them associated with us on missionary ground, teaching close communion & immersion as the only true baptism, or Arminianism & Episcopacy!

Mardin Sept. 29, 1902
Mrs Miss Pratt's return

APR 28 1902

Perhaps I am over-sensitive on the subject of going off thus without authorization from the Prud. Com. It occurs to me that you could probably reach me by cable at Beirût. If we start from here Apr. 7 or 8, we can hardly expect to reach Beirût sooner than May 1, & very probably I may be detained there a few days, as our plan is to consult the surgeons there & be governed by their advice as regards going further, or having an operation there. So if there is doubt of the Com. approving our coming to U.S. the words "do not come", or simply "stay"

meaning that in the judgment of the Com- I should remain & do the best I can in the country.

If I receive no word there, & the physicians recommend continuing the journey, I shall do so —

W. C. Dewey —

Mich. 31, 1902 -

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Mardin Oct. 6, 1902
Mardin Station
Mrs Pratt's return
March 29, 1902

Mardin, Turkey in Asia.
Monday, March 31, 1902.

Dear Dr. Barton,

I have a matter of serious moment to communicate this morning. In my personal letter of Feb. 8 I spoke in some detail of my health prospects. Day before yesterday, Saturday, I received a letter from Dr. Shepard in Diarbekir in which he gives as the result of careful examination, by himself & the German physician there, of a clot Dr. Thom has sent on, the statement that there are unmistakeable signs of cancerous development, & urges the importance of immediate attention. He expressed his willingness to undertake the case with the assistance of Drs. Thom & Knabb, if I wished, though at the same time he expressed himself as doubtful whether I had not better go out of the country, & if so perhaps I had better go direct to the U.S. rather than seek relief in Vienna.

I was at first inclined to take the chances here, — it seemed as though I would hardly be warranted in going to the expense of time & money involved in a trip out of the country. And so far as I am personally concerned I should still be willing to have the operation take place here, but we

I should understand as

have had a consultation this morning to decide the matter, & finding my associates still adhering strongly to their first opinion on hearing Dr. S's statement, that I ought to go away, I acquiesce. Indeed, I feel that it is a matter in which I should defer to the judgment of others rather than attempt to decide it myself.

The station has voted, "that in view of the professional opinion of Drs. Thom & Shepard in regard to Mr. Dewey's case, the station approves of Mr. & Mrs. Dewey's going at once to Beirût, & if necessary on to the United States for treatment." So we expect to start next week. An intersessional vote will be started immediately.

In view of my experience during the past two or three years I was not altogether unprepared for this, yet the disappointment of having to leave the work just now, with the uncertainty of ever returning to it, is very, very great. It adds to it, that Mr. Andrus will have to give up, partially at least, his plans for touring. However, we will hope for the best, & rest in the assurance that our Father does all well.

Yours,

Willis G. Dewey.

Rev. W. G. Dewey
Mardin, Turkey
March 31, 1902

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Mardin, Apr. 7, 1902.

Dear Dr. Barton,

I wrote you last week of sudden developments in my case & the decision. We have hastened as rapidly as possible & expect to start tomorrow. Further advice from Dr. Shepard deprecates submitting to an operation at Beirut in any case & heartily approves going direct to the U.S. Dr. Thom heartily approves this course, so it is probable we shall head thither.

I am glad to have yours of Mch 11 this morning. I enclose copy of vote proposed to the Mission. Mr. Andrus will act as my deputy in the stated-clerkship during my absence or until the Mission makes a new appointment.

I shall keep you informed of my progress & am hoping to find passage direct from Alexandria to Boston.

Yours,

Willis G. Dewey.

Madrid, Mar. 31. 1710.

No. 4. Intervention Note.

Whereas, Two physicians — Dr. Mon. Dr. Shepard of United States & Dr. Knab, a German physician of Diarbekir, have carefully examined the case of Dewey & unanimously advised an immediate deportation abroad, &

Whereas, Mundir Sultan has approved the recommendation of the physicians & therefore cordially concurs the early deportation of Dr. Dewey for medical treatment, accompanied by Mrs. Dewey to attend him, as soon as Reis & vs if necessary to the United States. Therefore

Resolved — That the Mission endorse the action of Mundir Sultan respecting the deportation of Dr. Dewey for medical treatment, accompanied by Mrs. Dewey & request the Prudential Com. to approve of this action & of the expenses and this and such emergency may call for.

Prayer

Grant.

95. MAY 19 1902

Alexandretta, Syria, Apr. 28, 1902.

Dear Dr. Barton,

Hitherto hath the Lord helped us on our tedious & painful journey. We left Mardin Tues., Apr. 8, in moffahs, coming right across the plain to Urfa in five days. The journey has proved rather more trying than I expected, but perhaps no more so than could reasonably have been expected. The first day or so I feared we should have to turn back to Mardin, but I got used to it, I suppose! Sunday & Monday's rest at Urfa helped me much & five more days brought us to Aleppo where we again rested Sunday & Monday & changed to wagons. Mrs. D. & I had a yaibya, with springs, in which I could lie extended nearly at full length, but even so the last part of the way was very irritating. We left Aleppo a little before noon Tues. & reached this place a little after noon Thurs., but I fear I could have hardly stood another day without resting. It has become increasingly evident that if this journey was to be made we have not started a moment too soon!

I have had the most diverse advice as to where to go, some six different places in Europe having been recommended, besides going direct to the U.S. It is very

perplexing, but I trust the right way will be made clear. Definite decision must be made at Beirût after getting advice of physicians there I write from here, as if the decision is to hasten right on to the U.S. this may be the only chance of getting anything to you before our arrival. I have heard of a line of steamers direct from Alexandria to Boston, — if this is correct it would just suit us, as it seems to me I should if possible see you & advise in regard to the matter, & perhaps with some physicians you approve before deciding just what is to be done. From all that I have heard thus far, it would seem Dr. Kelly of New York, or Dr. McBurney of Johns Hopkins, are the best for such cases. Dr. Altounian of Aleppo whom Dr. Shepard advised me to consult, while expressing a wish I might go to Dr. Nitze of Berlin for further diagnosis said that if cutting were to be done by all means go to Dr. McBurney, & also that I would probably get better after treatment in the U.S. than anywhere in Europe — I cannot go into all details now, but hope to be able to justify when I see you!

On the possibility of our going to U.S. & to N.Y. rather than Boston, would you send a line in care of Dr. Cregan stating whether I should come on to Boston, or with the aid of Dr. C. make such arrangements as may seem best.

Mrs. D. joins me in greetings to yourself & Mrs. B.

Very Sincerely Yours,

Willis G. Dewey

Rev. H. G. O. Dwight
Care Prof. Fowler
Robert College
Constantinople
Turkey

I sent you from Mardin copy of proposed international vote in my care —

Rev. H. C. Dewey, D.D.
Naples, May 15, 1902.

MAY 29 1902

My dear Barton,

I wrote you last from Alexandretta. We reached Beirut as planned. We found nothing there to change the conclusion to which everything before seemed tending, that we should go to the U. S. — I may say that I very much wished we might stop there. Dr. Post said to me he thought they could do there pretty much what could be done anywhere. But you will remember that it had been decided before leaving Mardin that I should not submit to an operation in Beirut. So that question was not open for consideration, only whether to go to Europe or on to U. S. Dr. Graham was inclined to question the certainty of Dr. Shepard's last diagnosis, though admitting that any amount of negative evidence was worthless as against one positive fact, & Dr. Post said, what others had said before, that it is impossible to

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doors & finally had to summo
a physician to use catheter.
am much better this morning
& according to previous expe
ences hope to get to New Yor
without further serious trouble
Our tickets are taken for the H

Hohenzollern of the No. German Lloyds for this afternoon, due in N. Y. the 27th. On making inquiries at Beirût we found that altogether the best & cheapest way was to take Italian steamer to here, & the No. Ger. to N. Y. This would not be true for every steamer of the line, but happens to be so for this one.

I do not know whether this will reach you before we reach N. Y. We have no definite plans further than to N. Y., and I suppose it will be best to go to hospital somewhere at once.

Very sincerely Yours,

Willis G. Emery.

Rev. H. C. Dewey, D.D.
New York City, May 30, 1902.
Care of C. C. Cregan.

My Dear Barton,

I sent you a postal card immediately upon our arrival, & later Dr. Cregan handed me your letter of the 17th. This morning I have yours of the 29th. For both I thank you most heartily.

In one way it is, as you suggest, "not a happy home-coming", & yet the exceeding kindness of all we have met, & especially your own lively interest in all that pertains to our welfare, & your kindly sympathy, have done much to give the clouds a silver lining! God's goodness & mercy to us have been most signally manifested all the way since we left Harding.

We are especially touched by your expression of readiness to come on to N.Y. if there is anything you can do for us. But Dr. Cregan is doing for us everything that we need. It was such a comfort to have him meet us on the pier & look after everything. Perhaps it is because of my weakness that I shrink so from having to assume any responsibility for anything. I trust it will pass when I find relief from my pain & discomfort, & recover strength.

I thank you very much for your care in

arranging for me at the Pres. hospital, for what you have written in regard to Dr. Our coming & all relating to it has been so hurried there was no opportunity for us to correspond & arrange anything in advance. Dr. Cregan suggested I should go right up to the hospital from the steamer, but I thought it well to recover balance a little after getting on shore, & to talk matters over with Mrs. D. We are perfectly satisfied with the proposed arrangements, & so informed Dr. B. yesterday. This morn. he took me up to the hospital, & Monday I am to go up to stay, "under observation" as the Supt. put it, for a few days. I suppose it will soon be determined just what is to be done. The waiting is wearisome, but I am very hopeful of a good issue.

I suppose there will be nothing in my letters you will wish to put on file, so it does not matter if they are not on Mission House paper. I neglected to bring any with me.

Mrs. Denney joins me in greetings to Mrs. B. & to any who may inquire about us, & I remain, Very Sincerely Yours,

Willis B. Denney.

Phoebe Dewey
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Mrs. Dr. Hal- I wished
to write you
Mrs. Dr. Barton
of Miss G's
journey here
so be prepared
this envelope
for me. Dewey

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Oorfa Feb. 27 1901

Dear Dr. Barton.

Last week I came on here
bring Miss Graf so far on her way.
We came across the plain in five days, a
rather hard and dangerous journey, but
ere in haste, as we had but four days no-
ce, for preparation, of Miss Chambers plans.
We came safely and comfortably, Miss Graf
'onding the journey very well. Here she has
me to her meals, and talked with the friends
little, in quite a natural way. yet when we
ere alone in our room, she would often give
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d see so many people, why could she not return
Mardin &c. We have been here three days. This
orning she and Miss Chambers started off.
hey hope to be in Amtab in four days, then
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ts better, rides still in the Moffahs we come

here in, with one of our men to care for her, and the some good animals we had across the Plain. I come on prepared to go on with her if it seemed best, but as Miss C. feels equal to the care of her, and she is better, and can look after herself, and her things a little, I am glad enough to turn back home where I am needed. She will do more for herself, when she does not have me to think and do for her, as I have so long.

We have been having a long dry spell, and it is still warm, but looks like rain, so I may have to ride in the rain. I have my servant with me, and brought my mare to ride. I return by Diarbekir. Shall be too late to see the Harpoot friends.

I do not know how much Dr. Thum has written you of Miss G.'s condition, but it has seemed best to me while here to write a letter which I inclose with this. No one in Mardin knows of this and I do not care to

them know. I having been with her for so long know her condition better than others, and so have written some things which may be helpful to whatever Physician you may place her under, I should say a lady would be the best for her. The Andrews and Miss Pratt do not know some things about Miss G. and do not need to know. It is for you to destroy this letter unread, or deliver it to whoever seems best to you.

She has been inclined to shut herself up, and see no one, if this is allowed in America, I fear she will never improve. She has been depressed much of the time, getting no comfort from her Bible, nor in Prayer, She counts herself as a castaway, takes to herself the curses, not the blessings, She has felt that she has been to blame when any thing has gone wrong, that every thing she touched she hurt. For example, she made clothes for some children, and their mother died, she helped a poor woman and her

her husband died. Every time she was worse. Baby Thom was sick. Almost every thing she heard, she turned against herself. She used to love children, now she will never look at them. A fear of casting the evil perhaps. A part of her feeling so, I think is due to her having believed in the Faith Cure. And so something she thinks must have been wrong about her that she could not get well without medicine. Then there is something in the belief about taking each others disease. Then she was not at all well all summer, and she had her fever for a week, before they would know that anything ailed her, she was "only tired". So of course she was much worse than need to have been when taken in hand by Dr.

I am very much pleased to hear of Mrs improved health, and hope she will get well. Give my love to her. We are glad to have the family group you sent us.

Mrs. H. L. Dewey
111 W. 68th St. New York City
June 5 1902

JUN 6 1902

James L. Barton D.D.

Dear Sir

Your letter of June 2 is at hand, and I thank you for the kind thought in sending it. I am yet so very tired that I yet do not feel equal to letter writing, but hope to be more rested soon, now we are settled for a time, especially when the operation is past, and we know what the future has in store for us. We try to be and I think we are quiet and trustful, yet of course it is hard.

We shall of course keep you informed as to the course of events.

I was fortunate in finding a cousin living here for the winter, so near the hospital, who has kindly taken me in, and doing all she can for me. I go and spend a part of every afternoon with Willis, have to cross Central Park. I have cousins also at White Plains and Mt. Vernon where I shall spend some time later. So you see I am well provided for.

Indeed we feel that the Lord has prepared all our way before us. and made things comfortable and easy for us. I should be pleased to go up to Boston later if it should seem best to do so. but I hope we shall be able to come together before so very long. I doubt if we shall go very far West but have Dorotha spend her vacation with us. when we leave here. I am very glad to hear from Miss Gray that she will probably return to Mardin another spring and I do wish that Miss Pratt would conclude to return also.

Thank you for your offer of help. we shall be free to avail ourselves of it if necessary. Please remember me to Mrs Barton. I hope she is quite well now. Yours Truly

Phemie Dewey.

Mr. Dewey is at the Hospital "under observation" and we do not know when the operation is to be.

Mrs P. C. Dewey
Park Home Oberlin Ohio
July 11 1902
Rec'd JUL 16 1902

JUL 14 1902

James L. Barton D.D.
Boston

Dear Dr. Barton.

I find I have several letters from you to answer. Thank you very much for your kind words of sympathy and help. Letters from friends have been of much comfort to us. I think those written by Mr. Dennys own personal friends, whom he loved and had worked with, have touched me most. Yours, Dr. Gates, Mr. Freyers, and others. You knew his real worth, as few did, for he was a quiet-unobtrusive man, exceedingly faithful in the little things. He counted his work as of little worth, but the Lord knows. Sometimes I think that the life he lived before the Masdin people will do more now he is gone than when he was present. We would have loved to have seen you in New York - but you was doing what seemed duty to you

arrival here in Oberlin You know best. As you know all this is new business to me, as I alway depended upon him in matter of letter writing and accounts. Yet, what I must do, I will do as well as I can. So please make allowances and tell me if I need advise.

We shall hope to see you, and other friends here next fall. Dianthe is a dear loving daughter, and a great comfort. She joins me in love to you and Mrs Barton. With many thanks for your sympathy and help.

Yours very Sincerely Mrs P. C. Dewey.

at the time, as Willis often said, "we will do what seems best and right, after prayer for guidance and be content with the results". So now he would not have us say "would we had done so and so". And leave all with the One who knows best. I have to say this over often these days.

I have had much writing to do. There are many relatives who must not be neglected, and friends. The most of the inmates of the Home are away. Dranitha and I are keeping house for the time. We hope to visit some relatives in Western New York later. I shall hope to be with Dranitha next year, either at the Home, or in rooms by ourselves. She is senior now. I wish she was stronger. The paper you sent I asked Mr. Gates to help me on, as I have no data with me. He says he has returned it to you. After I sent it to him, I had some papers from the Hospital in which they said the cause of death was "Carcinoma of bladder

operation". If he did not put it in so, it could be changed.
We hope to see Mr. Gates here perhaps tomorrow —

Any time that Mr. Wiggin desires I will try to make out the acct. of expenses. I think Willie put the road expenses in shape, so I can make them out. We had over one hundred dollars when we came into N. Y. City over from road money. We came quite cheaply this time. I think from Scandesoon to America for one hundred dollars apiece, so had more than enough with us. I have been living on this since, and have some still. Dr Creegan paid most of the New York expenses. He of course told you that there was nothing to pay at the Hospital.

You wrote once that the allowance would be $900. a year while we were in this country. I wondered if [illegible]

Miss S. S. Dworzy.
Oberlin, July 25, 1902
Rec'd July 28.

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Missionary Home
Oberlin O. July 25 1902

Rev. James L. Barton D.D.
Boston Mass

My dear Dr. Barton

Your kind letter come some days ago - I have now prepared the account - and send it as you requested through you. Thank you for taking this trouble for me - I am not sure about - the French gold I gave Dr. Creegan - I think there were four, and that they should be 13.30 - but Dr. C - will know what he exchanged them for.

I will send a copy of this acct to Dr. Thom - so he may know if any trouble should arise - As to what allowance I should have, you will do what seems to you right - I would

be glad to take nothing from the Board, but this year at least I shall need something. I have asked Mrs Allen to let me work some in the Home and if she gives me anything to do I shall need less - still I must have some work done on my teeth, and I must change my glasses soon. Unfortunately I cannot turn to making Missionary addresses, as so many returned Missionaries do - as I have no talent in that line. Still I shall hope to find something to do. But for this year I want to be here quietly with Dorotha. Next year I hope she can find employment some where - She is a student volunteer and I think she had hoped to come to us some time, now that cannot be - and I am not sure she is strong enough to go to a Foreign Field. Still, we will see how she is when she finishes College next year.

There is one thing I may as well speak of now, and this is private. As you know we only brought with us just what we needed for the time being, and had no time to pack up things we should wish sent to us if we never returned.
Of course We have a house full of things. Some, other Missionaries will take in time. Much it would never pay to have returned to this country. Still, as you know there are some things we would like to have with us wherever our home is to be.
I have here the Presbyterian Hand book for their Missionaries, and I gather from that, that things can be sent after one has come as freight called "house hold goods" free of duty if originally from the U.S. and also things of foreign make that have been used one year.
Now can you tell me about the Custom House rules as you understand them? and tell me what, and how much

I could bring in free of duty.
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to this country can be left for a year, it will be better to not decide in a hurry about the future. I do not wish to influence Dionthia at all. but if she herself desires to go to Mardin, and they wish us there, I shall be happy to return.

Wherever we may be, we shall I think wish to be together. If she should go I should wish her if possible to have a year of Bible study, with a good deal of rest, after the College is through. She retains quite a good knowledge of the Arabic, and I think would do good Bible work.

We now expect to go Aug. 12 to the Lake near here with a camping party for two weeks. Then visit in Western N.Y. until the fall term begins Sep. 23. Our address will be here until that time.

Remember me to Mrs Borton.

Yours Truly Mrs Seraphina S. Dewey

Mrs. Seraphina S. Dewey

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79 S. Cedar St Oberlin O.

Oct. 1st 1902

Dr. James L. Barton

Cong. House Boston

Dear Dr. Barton

Your of Aug. 30 come
hile we were away in the western part
f New York State. Pray excuse my
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slead you into thinking that a name.
d nothing you the trouble of remailing
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if I may leave it until needed
Is it allowable to do so?

Mr. Demeys father died last sp
and we have received $300.00 fr
his life Insurance. We have put it
the Bank here, I have been thinkin
where we had best invest it, We w
to keep it for some future time wh
we may need it. What would you
advise us to do with it? Some time l
may come a little more to us from his estat

I hope you will not take the trouble to answer these questions at present. We shall expect to see you soon here, and I know you are very busy now.

I anticipate much pleasure in being present at the Board Meeting, and meeting the many freeids, though there will be much of sadness too.

We expect to have Miss Graf here with us. Dr. and Mrs Gates are to be entertained at the Home. and Mrs Allen has invited me to be there with them, which will be a great pleasure.

I am very glad to know that Mrs Borton is so well. Please give her kind greetings from Dronthe and me. and accept many for yourself. Your letters have been

great comfort and help to m
through all the trying experien
through which I have passed

Yours Faithfully
Mrs L. S. Denney

Mrs. S. S. Dewey

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Ans'd APR 13 1903

79 S. Cedar St. Oberlin O
April 9 1903

Rev. James L. Barton
Boston Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton.

It seems a long time since I have written you. or heard from you. I wrote one letter before the Board Meeting which was not answered. As there has been nothing of importance I have not wished to trouble you. It was a great pleasure to me to meet you and Mrs Boston at the meeting. also the Gates and other friends. I get very little news of the many things I am interested in. so I take the liberty of coming to you for some. Will you please tell me where Mr. Gates is now. and how Miss Bremer is at present. Old Mrs Knapp writes me that Grace is failing Is it not too sad? How thankful we ought to be that

Miss Graf is so well, I really think that she will return in better condition than before. The Mardin friends seem to be getting on quite well, but they need help. Have you found a new family for Mr. yet? When you do will you let me know right away? as I should wish to tell them of things we have there, that they perhaps could take off our hands. Even if Dr. and I should return, there is much we should not use ourselves.

We are getting along quite well this year. I am in better health and kept busy with housework and other things. There is always much going on in this place. The last event has been "A Trip around the world in three days." I did what I could to make "Turkey in Asia" a success. Rev. George Doolittle of Syria was here, and helped also. Mr. Eddy called here with Mr. D. one day, and he told us something of what he, with others, are trying to do,

for Missionaries and their work in Turkey. He thinks it is time to give the people here facts, and he seems to be doing it.

Dorotha is very well this year. much better than I found her. She seems firm in the hope to be a Missionary some time. But she wants two years in America first. She has applied for a position in some Gymnasium connected with the Y.W.C.A. work. and hopes to get something to do, where she can get some Bible Study, and training in Bible work. as well.

I am in doubt whether I had better be with her. or get some place if I can where I can in part pay my way. I have been glad to have the allowance from the Board for this year, but should not care to take more than I must, later.

You will be glad to know, that we have a little something of our own. We have been using a part to educate D. and there is

something left. So even if I go out the Mission work again I need not entirely dependent on the Board. It might be better to go out as Dianthas mother not as a regularly appointed Missionary. That would make things easier, especially in Mardin. I should of course help in the work all I could - and I know there is much I could do. Mrs Thom wrote me a letter showing plainly that I was not expected back there. I do not feel anxious at all about the future. a good deal may happen in two years - and there are other places where we may be needed - tho none where my heart would be. D's also, as in Mardin. Diantha has had some correspondence with the W.B.M.I. on the matter. Seeing that the Mardin friends are so anxious to dispose of the things in our house - and that the house must be emptied when a new man goes out, I have written about packing away some things we wish ourselves - and selling others. I am thinking of sending for a bale of rugs, and one box of things for use while here. What-

would you think of my doing so, and how shall I arrange about it?

As you know Mr. Dewey was a book lover, and buyer. What had best be done with the many books we should not need to keep? Would it be best to bring any to America if we should not go abroad?

Martha has gone to a Convention in Detroit with her class in Physical Training, and their teachers. If here she would join me in love to Mrs Boston and yourself.

with kind regards to other friends.

Yours very Truly.

Seraphina L. Dewey.

Mrs. S. S. Dewey. 105

Rec'd AUG 6 1903

Ans'd AUG 6 1903

108 E. College St. Oberlin O.

Aug. 4 1903

Rev. James L. Barton D.D.
No. 14 Beacon St. Boston Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton.

Yours of Apr. 18 came some time ago. Thank you for it, and all your other kindnesses. I did not answer it immediately as there was no need.

I write now to tell you of our arrangements for next year. Diantha has a position to teach in Christian Endeavor Academy at Endeavor Ills. She is to teach the Sciences, History, and Physical Training. In June with her College diploma she took a Certificate for teaching the Sciences. I have been fortunate in getting the position of Matron of the Girls Hall there, so we can be together, and

I can earn my board if no more. It is a new, small school in a quiet country place, in a healthy locality, and we anticipate a happy useful year. We feel that this, which is a sort of Home Missionary School will be good preparation for the Foreign Missionary work which she hopes to take up.

We are both in quite good health. She has improved much the last year, and is much stronger.

We are in haste now with dress-making, and other work. But I wished to write, and tell you our plans, and ask you about my allowance. If I understand I was given our full salary or I should say allowance for three months, and then for a year I was to have that of one person $37.50 a month. Or was it only for 9 months ending May 97. In any case I should like to have the full allowance to

to the end of Aug. 27. then for a year I think $ 15.00 would be enough. possibly $10.00. but perhaps not if vacation in summer is counted when I would be earning nothing. I shall be glad to have your advise and help in the matter. though I am sorry to trouble you when you have so much else to do.

Dr. Thom has packed and started for America a bale of rugs - a trunk and two boxes for me. I presume he will write to the Rooms about them. They may be sent to us at Endeavor when they arrive. As they were all my own property. and nothing new - there should be no duties to pay on them.

I have done nothing as yet about the books, except as some one has bought now and then one or two. We had no time to take a list of them but some time one can be made. perhaps the "New Man" when he

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of in the way you mention. to some
College. A few that we have needed h
come to us by mail. Postage is che
than buying them here.

Please remember us both to Mrs Bark
and the young people with much lo
We are staying the summer in Judson
Cottage, and enjoy being near Mrs Foslo
now in Tank. and Mrs Brownell who
lives near, and other friends Mrs Pr
and Helen left for Calif. last night

Yours Very Truly Seraphina S. Dem

Mrs. S. S. Dewey
108 E. College St. Oberlin Ohio

Aug. 15 1903

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Dr. James L. Barton
Boston Mass.

Ans'd AUG 26 1903

Dear Dr. Barton

I applied for permit to travel on the L. S. & M. S. R R. to Chicago on reduced rates.

Dr. Hitchcock signed the application. and I made it out as directed. Have received the enclosed reply. Now I have no commission that I know of to send. so ask you if it seems worth while (I have already paid the required dollar which will not be returned, as I understand, to me) will you send

if you can do so, the necessary paper direct to Mr. Donald and ask him to send the per. to me? Am sorry to trouble you, but did not know to whom else to go.

We wish to leave here Thur noon Aug. 20. so the time is short. Please excuse haste

Yours Truly

Mrs. S. S. Dewey

Endeavor Wis. Nov. 8 1904

Rec'd NOV 10 1904
Ans'd NOV 10 1904

Rev. J. L. Boston
Boston Mass.

Dear Dr. Boston

Enclosed are some letters from Mardin, for you to read. There may be nothing new to you, yet you may get a different view of some matters in these letters written to us. Will you please return them. I am pleased with Mrs. Andrus letter, for this is the first time there has ever been anything written of my return by either of the two families most concerned, and she is not one to say they would like us to come unless they meant it. I think with Miss Graf that Mrs. Andrus cant realize the need of personal work in the city as those of us who have been more among the people

I think that the Board may know there is work that could be done, yet they feel they need, as they do, two new men, and they might fail of getting the second if we were to be sent, looking to the money side of the question -

Although we thought the state of the country bad enough when we left, yet it seems to be much worse now, and it would seem that little touring could be done at present.

Do you suppose we could in any way find work in Aleppo? or some other place until the way opens to Mardin.

I send all of Miss Sy's letter tho much of it is not to the point, you will understand -

Remember us to Mrs Barton -

Yours Truly

Seraphina S. Dewey.

Rec'd DEC 26 1905

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Mardin Turkey November 27 1905.

Ans'd JAN 1 1906

Rev. J. L. Barton D.D.
Boston Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton -

Your letter of Oct. 21 was received last post. and there are others of July and Sept. which I fear have not been answered. I do thank you for them all, and also for your good wishes and kind care, It would certainly have been pleasant for us to have had you with us on our journey - We thank you for the letter of introduction, we are glad to say that all went well with us all the way, so we did not need to use it. Even the discomforts of the Sea are almost forgotten now. We were a happy, united party all the way - Miss Bush took good care of us - We had pleasant weather, Good arabargees, every thing to make us comfortable. We enjoyed the visits at the Mission stations by the way. Mrs E. continued miserable, was so used up in reaching Malatia that we rested there three days - while the Dor. post party went on - We came all the way here in Arabas. with the same drivers, reaching here Nov. 14 -

I was glad on the whole to come in the Northern way this time, but I still think the other route is cheaper and shorter for us. and with care Malaria can be

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avoided. Arabas can also come all the way. When the Syrian R.R. from Aleppo to the south is finished we can go in less than two weeks to Aleppo. Then by rail to Beirut while the northern route takes us the best part of four weeks. eighteen hard traveling days. over several Mountain ranges.

We still regret not seeing more of the friends when at the Rooms. but we were well cared for. D. and I are much pleased that she has been adopted by the Newton Center Church. Is it not your church?

I have not yet used the $100 outfit money but will need it here. I am getting in stores, and expect to keep the home, and train new servants for ~~us~~ four new comers. So my work is cut out for this winter. We are all fairly well; Mrs. E. is much better now. and we are all very happy to be here. And the friends have given us a warm welcome.

I am glad to be here again, though I miss the one who made the home so much to me in the past. My desire is to live wisely and well, and be helpful to others. Dorotha joins with me in love to you and Mrs Barton and kind regards to others. Yours Sincerely

We will try to get off our traveling account by next post.

Seraphina L. Denney

I was writing you about the "Equatorial" you know it was not because I was not

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Rev. James L. Barton
Boston Mass.

My Dear Dr. Barton

Yours of Jan. last has been long left unanswered, there being nothing special to write of. Now we are taking our rest at our Garden, and answering letters among other things left so long undone.

The last nine months have been very busy ones for me. I was overtired on reaching here, and until now I have had no chance for rest. Also I have not been as strong as usual; however I hope to be ready for the fall work on returning to the city, and I think life will be easier for me this year than last.

Diantha has been on the whole very well, and is getting hold of the language and work.

We have helped care for the city schools, and done what we could to help in other work. This year we will have charge of the Bible work, and I hope this fall we can make a tour in the Mt. region.

In the City the E's boarded with us. here they keep house, while the A's come to our table for meals, we having the best kitchen. I am glad to have D. get to know them well. I love them and depend

upon them much. They both seem fairly well.
Miss Fenenga is staying in the city with Dr. Thom.
Miss Graf is here most of the time. She seems very tired.
We are glad that Dr. T. stays with us this year,
as Mr. E. is not yet ready to take charge of any
work alone, and Mr. A. could not be left without
help. I suppose you will have seen Mrs Thom
by this time, or will soon. She had a hard time
on the land journey, but we hope rested in Beirut.
D. and I have moved our things into the Thom house
where we will live the next two years, until the
return of the T.'s. The question is what we will do
after that. As you know there are two nice rooms
for the teachers. Miss F now occupies them alone,
as teacher of the Girls High School, and will con-
tinue to do so. There has never been really a good
place for the other teachers. Miss Pratt, for a long
time lived in one small North room. Miss Graf was
more fortunate, as Mrs. Andrus had charge of the
school for eight years, so the teachers rooms were
empty. She now has the N. E. room in the Andrus house,
it is a good sized room, but small for her, as she
has to do much of her Kindergarten work in her own
room. We lived in the house with the E's until we
came to the Garden, 1 hs. much against their will.

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when the T's return they will need all of their house. If the C's should give out, we would still need their house for a new family. so as far as I can see there will be no place for us except we build. I had not thought to bring the matter up at present but now it seems best to do so, as Miss F. is asking for four new rooms, which also are really needed, the School having increased in size. This plan gives Miss Fro the extra room she needs. If we should build I could not now say what would be the best plan. There are two places where rooms we now have could be used to help out. The main reason for building soon, is that Dr. T. could build cheaper than any one else, and he will leave next spring. I have thought if the Board would give 100 T. L., or $500, we could build five new squares. They cost about 20 liras a square at the least. You know we build in arched squares here. Rooms often taking in more than one square. Our dwelling houses have each 9 squares up stairs, making 6 rooms and a long hall and 12 squares below. If enough rooms could be built so that we could keep house in a small way, I would be willing to use some of a little money we have in furnishing up, and for extras as need be. I feel that if we are to live some years here, I would like to have a quiet small place to myself. and in time when

not able to do much myself in active work I would try to do with less than the full salary which you are kind enough to give me now. I wish I knew some one in America who would help us out in this matter, but I do not. I will make no further move in this matter until I hear from you. If you give hope that the building may be done, and advise it being pushed now, I will bring the matter up in Station meeting. I see in a last Herald that a small ~~sum~~ has been sent to me as Interest from the "Dewey fund." Mr. A. and I think it may be from money sent by Mr. Dewey, gathered from former pupils by the paying up of "notes" written when in school. If this is so, the money should be sent to the Boys High School, as the interest from the "C. F. Goles" and other funds are sent. And will you tell us what the amount of the fund is, and why we have not heard from it these 4 or 5 years. If it is not this, will you please tell us what it is.

Please excuse my troubling you with so long a letter. Dorotha joins me in kind regards to you. Mrs Barton, and the young people. The ladies of your church are very good about writing to her.

Yours very Truly

Seraphina S. Dewey

Mr. Griggs has replied to this. Aug. 20, 1906.

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Rev. James L. Barton
Boston Mass.

My dear Dr. Barton

Your letter of Oct. 5 reached me on our return from a five weeks tour in our Mt. district to the East of here. We made our home in the Mission house in Midyat, and visited all the villages to the South and West.

Although our time was short in each place, yet we feel that it paid us certainly to have this opportunity of getting acquainted with the people and our helpers. We found much worldliness in some places, and great need of more personal supervision by the Missionaries and more consecrated workers.

We found some bright spots. Azach for example, where our faithful Esa has gathered a large school, many from the Syrians. This in spite of the fact that the Priests will not speak to him even in the streets. There is more oppression in this village than any other we visited.

We are glad to hear such good reports of

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the Meeting of the Board, and hope the new interest that has been aroused will continue, and increase during the coming years.

In regard to building here, when I wrote you I had no thought of asking for the house at that time, and in that way it may never be best to build. I know you wish to know all you can of ourselves - so wrote letting of the condition of things here - and the probable need of more room at some time in the future.

We are now well settled in three rooms in the Thom house, and will be comfortably situated for a year and a half.

We are both busy helping in the work here, and Dianthe is taking up her Arabic study again. We would be pleased to invite you and Mrs Barton to our Thanksgiving dinner Thursday. Dianthe joins me in greetings to you and Mrs Barton and the young people.

Yours Truly

Seraphine S. Dewey.

D. will some time send you some of the pictures she took on our tour.

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Mardin Jan. 6 1908

Dr. J. L. Barton
Boston Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton

Thank you for your kind letter of Nov. 15. and your interest in our welfare. We have been here now two years, and are glad we came, for all of the special trials that are our lot in this distracted country. We are very happy in our Station here. Our new family are great workers. Diantha is very much at home in the life here, and keeps very well.

Our work is growing for all there is against us and we need more workers; and more means rather than less. and we must have faith to believe these will come to us in the Lords good time.

As for the new rooms for Diantha and me, the Station have decided that there must be something built, and we have a plan by which we hope to build a comfortable small home with little expense, using two or there rooms already standing. A vote hose been started asking for $ 500.00 for this purpose

which will come to Boston in due season.
If as you suggest - the money cannot be granted just now, I think the Station have some money that they can use for this purpose, expecting it to be returned to them after a time when the Board feel able to give the money.

If these rooms are not built we shall have to rent rooms in the city until they can be built.

I want you to know that I am quite willing to do this, or go to live in Midyat for a year. But it would be impossible for us to live in comfort and peace with either of the three families here. The houses tho. having room to spare, are not built so that they can be used well that way.

Diantha joins me in kind greetings to you, Mrs. Barton and the young people

Yours Very Truly

Seraphina S. Dewey

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Bitlis, Nov. 28th 1903.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D. D.,

Dear Dr. Barton,

As you will know there are some hindrances - fancied or otherwise - to Mr. Cole's doing very much field work. It was very desirable that ere winter set in, a Tour should be made to Akhlat and Boolanik. Owing to the disturbed state of things, there was some doubt of its expediency, still a decision was made in favor of the tour. We therefore summoned the newly ordained pastor Crecore from Moosh to be my escort, and on the morning of Nov. 7th taking a reliable servant and an "own-bashi" as guard and guide, we set out. Inclement weather and heavy roads made travelling rather difficult, but we were very glad to visit eleven villages including all the outstations at present occupied in these two districts.

For a number of successive

years we have thought that poverty and distress had reached their lowest depths in these parts. But alas! the present conditions are far worse than anything we have seen hitherto. Continued heavy taxation, suffering attendant on loss of life and property occasioned by earthquakes, loss of domestic animals by the cattle plague, partial failure of grain crops in some sections and the unsettled state of affairs have combined to bring about a state of destitution and wretchedness which I am utterly unable to describe.

We did what we could to stimulate the people as well as encourage them to make more effort in the line of self-support, but present conditions checked strenuous endeavor in this direction. We rejoice and give thanks to God that amid circumstances most trying, the christian graces of fortitude and patience are shining so brightly in

the lives of many.

I am writing a detailed account of this tour for publication in a little home paper and will ask the friends to send you a copy, it being much easier to read print than ordinary manuscript.

The members of our circle are all in usual health.

My sister joins me in cordial greetings to Mrs Barton and yourself and best wishes for the New Year.

Yours very sincerely,
Charlotte E. Ely.

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LETTER FROM TURKEY.

Touring in Remote Portions of the Field.--Dangerous in the Extreme Owing to the Disturbed State of the Country.

Rec'd JAN 22 1904

A large number of our readers, many of whom are friends of the Misses Charlotte and Mary A. Ely who have been missionaries in Turkey a great many years, will be glad to read the following letter from Turkey written by Miss Charlotte E. Ely to her cousin Miss Grace A. Ely of this village, and which the Bee is glad to publish:

BITLIS, Turkey in Asia.
November 25, 1903.

DEAR COUSIN GRACE—

You are doubtless aware that touring in this part of the country has of late years been attended with peculiar difficulties. On the one hand the strict surveillance kept over all travellers and on the other the disturbed state of the country causes one to shrink a little from the risks of touring, however desirous to visit all portions of the field. Considering these circumstances, I am particularly glad to have been able to make quite an extended tour to the more remote portions of our field. Badvelli Krecore, the young preacher recently ordained, came from Moosh to be my escort, and as the season was advanced we set out the morning after his arrival, on Saturday, Nov. 7. Nine hours of steady travel brought us to the village of Aghagh on the shore of Lake Van, which we entered after dark amid the furious barking of fierce dogs. This was soon repressed when some of the villagers discovered who we were, and the news was joyfully passed on, "It's our teacher! It's our teacher that has come!" I was taken to the home of a former pupil whose family did all in their power to make me comfortable. I was exceedingly tired and sadly in need of sleep, but the wailing of a sick child kept me awake most of the night. A general service was held early the next morning. After breakfast a large gathering of women and girls listened eagerly to the comforting gospel message. Immediately following this a special meeting for the women who were church members was held. During the day the preacher conducted four services in this village and two at a town near by. A little band of professed disciples, whose hearts were warmed and cheered by thus remembering their Lord and Savior gathered about the communion table. Added to public meetings, conversations with individuals more than filled the day and the night was well advanced before quiet settled down and we retired to secure a few hours of much needed rest and sleep.

Before dawn I was aroused by the owner of the house where I, in company with a goodly number of domestic animals had spent the night, and was told that people had already gathered at the church for a marriage ceremony. This had been arranged early to facilitate our getting a good start on our forward journey. A cold rain set in soon after we started making the day's travel very trying. Once the preacher's horse slipped, throwing his rider, who when he regained his feet presented a sorry spectacle, but the mud was soon washed off by the pelting rain, and thankful that nothing serious had occurred, we reached Purkhoos just as twilight was deepening. Purkhoos mud is historic and as I hesitated about dismounting with the assistance of my man servant whose sandals were submerged in the mud, one of the good brethren came and just lifted me from the saddle, carried me into the house and set me down by the "toneer", or ground oven, where I was glad to warm myself, being thoroughly chilled and benumbed by the driving rain and cold. The poor horses had to stand out in the pitiless rain the best part of an hour before suitable quarters could be found for them, an unusual number of caravans having already occupied the stables.

The next morning one of the first to greet me was a poor woman, who many years ago had been for a short time a pupil in the Bitlis Mt. Holyoke school. Perhaps I have told you how she and another girl once brought three hundred large jugs of water from the village spring, mixed mud mortar and plastered the walls of the school room with their hands. She is now a widow and bitterly poor. It made my heart ache to see her two little boys, each having on but a part of a single garment, stand shivering in the wintry weather. I was rejoiced to hear her neighbors and the Protestant

en testify of her faithful Christian ct. A church meeting was con- to which candidates desiring to with the church were invited. It n intensely interesting season. A man, who has for some time been village scribe, came in and with ed feeling said "As God's servant was smitten by Satan from the of his foot to his crown, so am I red with Sin! But I have one faint left! Pray for me!" The rest of day was devoted to personal work, ly among the brethren. It was de- that the ordinances of baptism and munion be administered the next at a private house. The next morn- a woman's meeting was held. It very large, there being hardly room gh to accommodate those who e in. After this meeting a goodly ber gathered at the house appointed for lack of more appropriate places e seated on empty grain and flour and mats spread on the earthen r, while women and children gathered und the "toneer." A little babe desti- of clothing was wrapped in its moth- apron and presented for baptism. y asked me for a name and it was ed Eunice. The bread was passed n an agate plate, the wine in a trav- g cup, but we felt the Lord was with to strengthen and to bless. Picture yourself rough walls plastered with d, the only window a hole in the con- earth roof, bare earth floor and ups of men, women and children ntily clad. Wonderful thought that rist the Lord condescends to dwell th His own, however humble their rroundings! Thus His own presence emed to glorify that dark and lowly me and made it a veritable Bethel to is children gathered there.

The next day we diverged from the ain route to visit former pupils now ttled in the villages of Subratsore and aggay. In the former place, the house our scholar had been robbed and thus e lost all her books save a fragment of New Testament. From this I read nd tried to counsel and comfort the ixed audience which soon gathered ere. Sara's little boy, three years old, as very ill, having been vaccinated from nother child sick with the smallpox, nce no other virus was obtainable. his practice is quite common here. The regorian church of Subratsore is dug t of the solid rock, a curious place arcely discernible to a passer by who n only see its small, low door.

From thence we went on to Zaggay, a beautiful village prettily ensconced on the slope of a large hill. The young woman who was once in our school is quite pleasantly situated, enjoying a greater degree of freedom than is usual in this land. The condition of women and girls in this part of Turkey is pitiable indeed. They are regarded much in the light of servants and for years after marriage are not allowed to speak to the adult members of their family. They eat and so far as possible work by themselves and in many ways are debarred from enjoying the opportunities of becoming enlightened which are open to the men. Takoohee's husband is quite well educated, and he took care to secure a wife who is also educated. At the close of the women's meeting, at which a large number were present, we hastened back to Purkhoos, riding the last three quarters of an hour under a heavy rain, arriving there a little after dark. I was very glad to visit these two places where as yet no preacher or teacher has been located, and particularly gratified to learn of the steadfast piety of our old pupils, which is the more striking as they are the only Protestants in those villages. As caravans had lately been robbed on the regular road at the Keers pass, some doubt was expressed as to the propriety of our going further in that direction. At length we were informed that we could take another route which was safe though some longer. This we did but owing to the heavy rains we found the roads very bad, so that we did not reach Sheghaoob till late in the day. The preacher and his people gave us a hearty welcome and we and our tired horses were speedily cared for. One needs to have had some experience of the tedious and wearisome method of travel here to fully appreciate the delightful refreshment afforded by the pleasant homes of our co-workers, homes which often seem like oasis in a desert.

The wife of the preacher here is one of the late graduates of the Bitlis school. Sheghaoob has been occupied by a preacher or teacher for many years. Within a short time a marked change has taken place in the character of the women. Only a few years ago, after holding a woman's meeting, one of the women rudely called out to me as I was leaving the house, "You have been preaching to the bears of the forest!" A part of the preacher's house has been recently rebuilt as it was much injured by an earthquake. It was in this vicinity that repeated and severe earthquake shocks occurred during the past year. Some of the adjacent towns were totally destroyed, involving great loss of life and property.

An hour distant from Sheghaoob is the large and flourishing town of Gope, a government and trade center for the plain of Boolanik. In going thither we took the wrong road and at one point I narrowly escaped slipping over a high, steep bank into the river below. Timely help in the person of a traveller just before us and of my servant in the rear saved me, though I received a severe fright. I was careful to call on the officer to whom, for prudential reasons, we have for a few months rented the house owned by the American Board in this place. He received me with much courtesy, served coffee and asked if I would take a cigarette. Did conditions favor there are good opportunities to forward evangelical and educational work at Gope, but circumstances of which I will not speak at present, hinder aggressive work here, as well as in other places. I was glad to secure two bright boys from Gope for the Bitlis High school. Their mother was one of our early pupils and pleased indeed to send her sons where they can be educated under Christion influences.

Toward evening we returned to Sheghaoob, where the brethren had assembled for a church meeting. This was one of great interest and prolonged to a late hour. At midnight all were startled by a light earthquake shock, a phenomenon not at all uncommon there of late. Large cracks in the room I occupied were not reassuring, but I had regained my composure, when we heard the cry of fire. This had broken out in a large room near us filled with hay and straw.

vigorous efforts of the neighbors ever soon quenched it, and after a all was quiet again.

e following morning, Sunday, our were gladdened by the bright shining e sun which we had seen very little nce leaving Bitlis.

e Armenians are very fond of music will sing whether they know the or not. Very often indeed they improvise one and if success is measured by are generally successful. On this ocsion the services were enlivened by getic singing but I found it hard to ow the tune. General services, church tings, women's meeting and the celebration of the Lord's supper filled up the day. Monday, taking an early start we t to Youjaloo four hours distant. We spent several hours here and did t we could to cheer the people, and made arrangements for several children, ose parents wished to send them, to come to the Bitlis schools.

On our way back to Sheghaoob in passing through Gope, the streets were much crowded, and while crossing a narrow bridge a heavy ox cart attempted to pass me. It was a critical moment and I came very near being precipitated into the stream below, but my horse remained perfectly quiet fortunately and thus I was kept safe from what might have been a serious accident. It was delightful to reach the preacher's home again and sit down and warm myself by a civilized stove. There is an interesting little girl here, whose father has been erally driven away to foreign parts by e bitter opposition of his wife to Protantism. The child has, in one way d another, learned to read. She came me and entreated that I would arrange me way for her to go to the Bitlis hool. At the same time I learned at the mother was determined her ughter should not be further educated. ith a sad heart I told the child I saw way to help her. How I pitied her, she slowly withdrew weeping bitterly.

The next day we went to the village Kakarloo to visit a daughter of one our early pupils who was residing ere. It is only one hour distant from eghaoob but was very seriously damed by the earthquakes. I shall never get the impression received as we apached this village. The scores of ed houses with their broken furni and roof timbers thrown about. e of the earth roofs still resting on r wooden supports, while walls have n or been thrown to one side, groups ople, mostly ragged women and ren, wandering aimlessly about, an ressibly sad sight! As the shocks nue to be felt, many of the villagers iscouraged about rebuilding, some no means to do so, others are to dwell there and have found transient homes in other places. A few were at work among the debris, others had made shelters for themselves in the shape of dugouts on the outskirts of the village, almost on the plain, feeling it safer to be as far as possible from the center of the place where the most damage was done. I saw a number of Koords who had come in and taken possession of some of the deserted ruins and were rebuilding for themselves. A man, formerly the most wealthy in Kakarloo, who had lost all, guided us out of the village. As we rode along among the ruins we saw hundreds of the skeletons of domestic animals which had perished that awful night.

On the return we passed through the villages of Ploor and Machitloo, both of which had been damaged by earthquakes. The next morning, after arranging terms for several girls whose friends are sending them to Bitlis Mt. Holyoke school, a storm threatening and other considerations, led us to turn our faces homeward. A few needed preparations were hastily made and we began the return journey. The second night out from Sheghaoob, we spent at Dzaag, a large village on the shore of Lake Van. It is noted for its fine wheat and delicious apricots. This kind of wheat is grown only in a limited area. It is sown in drills in sandy soil, and grows without rain or irrigation. It was refreshing to be taken to a comparatively comfortable home where the family were fairly well clothed and had good, nourishing food. A partial failure of the grain crops has obliged many to use wheat and rye, the latter more especially which has been buried two, three or more years and is very unpalatable. After having been obliged to eat some of this wretched bread, you may be sure I thoroughly relished the clean white bread set before me here. After a pleasant visit with the brethren that evening, I was taken to a little room belonging to a neighbor, who vacated it for my comfort, where I spent a restful night.

The next day's journey led us along the beautiful lake shore. After calling at Tadvan, we pressed on reaching Tookh for the night. This village, situated among extensive groves of trees, mostly oak and mountain poplar, we call our Green Mountain village. In addition to the great number of trees, it has several beautiful mountain streams, which in springtime afford an abundance of fine fish. The view seen from Tookh of Lake Van in a setting of mountains, prominent among which is grand snow capped Sipan, is one not often surpassed. There is a good church building there which serves also as a school room. A graduate of this year from the High school has just been sent to Tookh to teach the school and conduct Sunday services. He is an earnest Christian young man and gives promise of great usefulness. The pastor spent the night at a near village, Hansorkeen, where a son of a former pupil is located and doing a very good work. The people of Tookh have peculiar trials of which I will not now speak. Owing to a local disturbance which occurred that evening, I had a very sleepless night and was all the more impatient to get an early start the next morning. But Ramazan began that day and our officer Mehemet must take his breakfast in the night, so he was not ready till some time after sunrise. Ramazan is the principal Turkish fast which the Mohamedans observe very strictly, neither eating, drinking or smoking between sunrise and sunset. They however make up for this by feasting and carousing during the night. This continues for one lunar month.

When Mehemet was ready we set out on the last day's journey. The event of the day was another hair-breadth escape —number three! Now please don't laugh at me. I am sure you would not if you had seen my horse galloping with me over the rough ground covered with newly fallen snow, trying his very best to catch up with the others who had been startled into a race by the sudden running of the guard's horse. By dint of a firm grasp upon the pommel of my Mexican saddle and a strong grip of the bridle reins I managed to hold on till my servant arrested him. The road over the moor lying a few miles beyond the city was bad on account of a recent snowfall and it was dark when we entered the city. As we passed the guard station near our house shouts of "Kim dar? Kim dar?" "Who goes there? Who goes there?" were heard, but Mehemet pushed on, and I was soon at the door of my own dear home, surrounded by the circle of friends who had given up all hope of seeing me that night.

In telling you of my experiences on this tour, I have not dwelt on the great and increasing distress everywhere seen. It is most encouraging to note that in many cases where the lives of the people are utterly devoid of earthly comfort, their hearts are sustained and they go on from day to day supported and cheered by the glorious hopes of the gospel.

With cordial greetings to all inquiring friends from us both, your affectionate cousin, CHARLOTTE E. ELY.

Rec'd JUN 20 1904

Bitlis, May 17, 1904.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.,

Ans'd JUN 21 1904

Dear Dr. Barton,

Your letter reached us in due time for which many thanks.

There has seemed very little to communicate of late save repetition of the sad recital of "disorder, lack of security for life and property &c." These few words might truthfully be amplified in various ways to embrace a wide and increasingly terrible meaning. During the more than three decades of service in this field, we have ~~witnessed~~ many trying scenes — war, devastations by flood, fire, earthquakes and famine. Added to these the sad attrition constantly going on, the inability ~~of~~ to prevent or remedy deplorable disintegration, unite to dishearten and cause a rapid increase in emigration. Recently large companies from the Protestant community as well as others, are hastening on to lands westward. Graduates from both schools who we had ~~we had~~ hoped would prove faithful, brave workers, feel they can no longer endure the situation and join the ranks all leaving with reluctance

the lovely father land where "every prospect pleases." The outlook is indeed extremely dark. We seem almost crushed behind walls drawing closer and closer, limiting us in many ways. I rejoice that last November I made that long tour, for though attended with much discomfort and even peril, yet it was safely accomplished and we praise the Master that thus some of His little ones were cheered along their dark path. Prospects for touring are not hopeful - even house to house visitation is scarcely possible for wards distant from the centre.

My sister and I are both in excellent health and have plenty of efficient help in the Int. Holyoke School and in the girls orphanage.

We feel that it is desirable that Mr. Cole have an associate as soon as practicable, though I confess the call for an earnest worker hither would point to a response only by a man willing to meet isolation and able to withstand discouragement, amid most

disheartening conditions. With us veterans it is different. we gladly stay on and do all in our power to strengthen the things that remain.

For prudential reasons I do not think it best to enter into details or state definitely some matters. It is impossible to forecast what the future may hold in store for this part of the vineyard.

It has been often said that I see things "couleur de rose;" I thank God that I do! And you may rest assured I would most joyfully change the color of this letter, did facts justify my doing so!

My sister unites with me in love to Mrs. Barton and I am,

Most sincerely yours,

Charlotte E. Ely.

P.S.

Please let the Woman's Board have the reading of this letter. C. E. E.

Charlotte E. Ely 115.

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Rep

Bitlis, Turkey, Aug. 18th '04

Rev. J. L. Barton, D. D.:-

Dear Dr. Barton,

Many thanks for your favor of June 22nd. Your words of sympathy and deep concern for the work centering here, comforts us greatly.

My sister sent you a brief report of the Bitlis Mt. Holyoke Girls School, about the first of July, and later a somewhat detailed account of the terrible fire which occurred here July 16th Also at that time a short personal note dated July 11th

We have been enjoying a most delightful visit from Dr. Norton, U.S. Consul at Harpoot. He arrived here

the ninth of August and left us this morning for Van. So far as we know, Dr. Norton is the only U.S. Consul that has visited Bitlis. He had previously spent seventeen days at Moosh. I presume you may have already heard something of his observations and experiences there. He was accompanied by a German physician, Dr. Volland, who attended several hundred patients while at Moosh. During his stay with us, the Consul's fine U.S. flag was put up on our roof — the old Kunsp homestead — and its presence gave us a delightful sense of quiet and protection.

Much information concerning recent events in these parts, must have

reached you. At present all about us is a terrible arena of strife and bloodshed. Lawlessness, a disregard for all restraints - either moral or social - absolute recklessness as to life, tortures and deeds, the conception and execution of which befit diabolical powers - in a word a reign of anarchy and terror exists. Sometimes the heart sickens and we cannot refrain from sighing out with the prophet, "How long! how long!" From the capital we hear "Only meagre reports have reached us, as evidently it is the desire of not only the authorities but of the Consular officials as well, to keep the matter quiet." We have heard (from a Consul) referring to the mortality of

women and children, "It is
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e remain here. This under
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omewhat doubtful. He is
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ained for this post.

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large company, including
o of our schoolgirls - one a
enior - set out for the western
Dorado. Others are preparing
follow them soon - and who
n blame them?

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e are sustained in body
and mind. The sure promises
od afford us unshaken
onfidence and hope for the
uture, as well as comfort
nd strength for the present.

With love from sister
and me to Mrs. Barton
and kindest regards.

I am,

Most sincerely yours,

Charlotte E. Ely.

Biltis, Ma. 28, 1905.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D. D.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Before me lies a letter begun to you just a month ago; I failed to finish it before setting out on a short tour. It seems very late now to send a detailed account of the special occurrences connected with the opening weeks of the year. I will say in passing, that in accordance with the usual custom, quite large numbers of girls were present on the first day. Dear little girls dressed in white and appropriate songs and recitations were given by pupils representing years from fifty to seventy. During songs and recitations, three girls appeared in the costumes of India, China and Japan. Each one gave a most interesting account of the country she represented and was also able to answer many questions raised by the native teachers and other guests present. The large schoolroom was packed, yet so attentive as such we could almost have heard a pin drop. Altogether the occasion was one of more than ordinary interest and the first

present were much gratified and grateful appreciated the effort made for their entertainment. The Arandian Christmas was a very happy occasion. All the girls of the boarding orphanage and primary schools met together for a merry time. Each one received a substantial gift with a treat of sweetmeats.

As you are aware, touring in our station has been for some time and still is necessarily limited. Therefore I felt that under existing conditions it was a great privilege to be permitted to visit some of the nearer outstations. It was by handsled, which here at this season is the only means of transportation for travelers or freight. With the Bibles pastor, a guard and some stalwart sledmen to draw us, we set out at about 8 o'clock, Mar. first. The road after leaving the rough streets of the town, was fairly good, until by following the track of other sleds, we found it took us a long, weary detour, where for nearly two hours we had to trample the road, where thousands trifled by the first of the journey, and a very

steep, and our progress became very slow and tedious and laborious. The distance usually hours to Lodh was accomplished in nearly double that time. We very glad indeed to safely reach the home of our esteemed friends and to have food and warmth provided for our tired sled men. Friends came in and the evening soon passed in earnest conversation. The following day two couples were married in the chapel. The bridegrooms are sons of early Protestants, who labored zealously in building the chapel. In the beginning of the work in this place, there were adherents suffered great persecution, but were supported by a strong and undaunted confidence in the truth. Having finished their course, they have gone to their blessed reward, leaving memories of faithful lives and noble examples of unwearied zeal to their families. At an early hour on the third day we left Lodh and went to Sodom. It did not seem best to spend the night there as with after a message of cheer to the small company gathered there and having secured an extra sled man, we with much difficulty finished it to Dgang, where we arrived at about ten o'clock, all feeling pretty tired. The night of my stay at Dgang - where my business was

and arrangements made for communion and baptism to take place. The next day late in the afternoon we passed on to Aghagh. In all the places visited we found the condition of the Christians most deplorable, but more it was heart rending. Although relief had been given we yet met with bitter poverty so utterly impossible for me to portray the sad sights we saw. Accompanied by the pastor and our faithful guard I went into every house in the village and found in three of them there was a limited supply of flour or grain for several days, in one a small amount of rice sufficient for a few days. In others nothing eatable but a little sour kraut. In some of the houses after a rigid search nothing whatever that could be eaten was found. We hastened at once to give little relief in those on the verge of starvation. One had already died hoping on our return to the city to take measures for further relief immediately. This was duly accomplished and send you by this mail a small bit of bread as a sample of the quality eaten in some of the parish districts. In two of the villages

exquisite strawberries, little cakes & tea were considered the limits for the daily food of an adult in many families. On the Sunday follow a digest of a special meeting for men and women, communion and baptismal services were held. It is depressing to note that physical need and sufferings are such that thoughts of higher and spiritual nature find little place. Notwithstanding a very heavy equinoctial storm received and its second test to wipe out the first [illegible] to [illegible] Quinton way & yet we said some midwinter lows are lamentable. In some places the tide was [illegible] [illegible] graph [illegible] in [illegible] of [illegible]

We much regret that we cannot see more hopefully on the present outlook. The disturbed state of affairs stagnation in business, lack of work for the multitudes who would gladly labour to supply the need of their families, the increased taxes already heavy — these may to some extent explain the impoverished condition of the people and also the lethargy

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Bitlis, Apr. 8, 1905.

Ans'd SEP 6 1905

Rev. J. L. Barton, D. D.;-

Dear Dr. Barton,

I have most pleasing intelligence to communicate at this time! Mrs. Sosay G. Gabrielean who was some years ago charged with certain offenses and placed in durance vile in Moosh, has, by the clemency of the ruling sovereign been pardoned. You are doubtless aware that she is a graduate of the Bitlis Mt. Holyoke Sem. For several years she was a faithful teacher here and then was transferred to a responsible position at Moosh. I will not review her sorrowful experiences there, but only say that while they seem sad and mysterious, we are most thankful that after about four years of dreary confinement, the dark cloud has now lifted and she is once more free. In the calendar of mission work here and the history of the girls' school, the day of her release - March 3d - will be a red letter one. Today, Apr. 8th she with her little son (born in prison) reached Bitlis en route for Harpoot where her husband and his friends now are. We had been informed by telegram that Mrs. Gabrielean had set out

from Moosh for Bitlis on the 3d inst. As the journey is usually accomplished in two or at longest three days, we were feeling some anxiety at her non appearance when the good tidings came to us that she had arrived and was at the government quarters. We sent a person who was suitable to become bail should it be required, asking that she be allowed to come to us at once. He returned saying bail was not necessary & Mrs. Gabrielean having signified her wish to go to the girls school, was placed in charge of a policeman who accompanied her here. He committed her to the care of my sister who met them at the gate, saying the vali had given Mrs. Gabrielean permission to stay here five days. That as she had received a wound on her head, having fallen from her horse on the journey hither; should she require medical care and we had no doctor, the vali would send one. The time specified seems very short, but could we get it extended, there arises a great hindrance. The fact that the streams are already much swollen from melting snows and are rising every day. An hour or two

after Mrs. Gabrieleau's arrival, her oldest brother and other relatives from her native village nine hours distant, reached here, having been summoned by special messenger. Thus another glad reunion took place. I am glad to say that both she and her little son appear in good health, and we trust the sad, sad part of her history is ended. Her joy at release is however mingled with deep regret that she is compelled to leave her native province under the restriction not to return. She had earnestly desired to continue work for her country people amid the friends and scenes so dear to her. Still we trust that wherever she may be, a happy and useful future lies before her.

I will only add that we are rejoiced at seeing once more our dear friend and co-worker in the Lord's vineyard, and bespeak prayer for her continued usefulness.

With love to Mrs. Barton from us both,

Very sincerely yours,
Charlotte E. Ely.

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P.S. Please give the reading of this to the Ladies of W. B.

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Collee - Turkey - Apr. 8-03.

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Bitlis, July 3. '05

Rev. J. L. Barton, D. D.:-

Dear Dr. Barton,

Yours of May 5th came in due course. Thanks for the assurance of tender and sympathetic concern for us in this remote corner of the great vineyard.

You will undoubtedly have heard that conditions here are more favorable than they were last year. The hope is entertained that there may be a meeting of the E. T. M. at Van, which after the long interval without such a gathering seems very

desirable. It is still uncertain however whether it will materialize owing to the disturbed state of things near us.

The assurance that endeavor is being made for another family to be sent here is comforting and we pray that the right one may be found in due time.

My sister has written the annual report of the Mount Holyoke school which I enclose.

With love from us both to Mrs. Barton I am

Most sincerely yours
Charlotte E. E.

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Bitlis - Turkey - July 3 - 1905.

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Ans'd FEB 8 1906

Bitlis, Jan. 16, 1906

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.:-

Dear Dr. Barton,

Thanks for your letter of Nov. 10th We are glad to know the album of photographs was acceptable.

We have seen your letters of Dec. 5th and 15th addressed to Mr. Cole, and also "a copy of a communication authorized by the Prudential Committee to be sent to all the Missions of the Board."

The salient point in these letters - which you request should be talked over in Bitlis station and you made acquainted with the "conclusion", - is "whether Bitlis station could not be combined with Van to advantage."

This plan was tried for twelve years, and we believe that all concerned became convinced that it was not a success.

Bitlis station embraces a very large field and although having been inadequately manned during most of its history, more than thirty outstations have been occupied, and had it not been for peculiar stress of circumstances during the last few years, the number would doubtless have been greater.

Bitlis is the political and comercial center of a populous vilayet. Large numbers from the rural districts are constantly frequenting the city, where they come in touch with evangelistic and educational influences resulting in not a little good.

The presence here of two foreign consuls,- Englis and Russian,- affords ameliorating influences, helpin to cheer the many Christians, whose lamentable condit appeals very strongly for help, might be recalled, should resident missionaries be withdrawn.

To one understanding the sad condition of the pe ple here, the presence of a missionary must seem mo desirable, as, ever ready to give sympathy, and so far as p sible - help large numbers who might not otherwise be reached, are brought under Gospel influences.

The launch referred to, is by no means assured a yet. The English Consuls at Van and Bitlis have expressed g doubts as to its being allowed; but even should it be permitted, in addition to other expenses the salaries of e gineer and guard would be very considerable, weakeni the point of economy made prominent in consid the union of the stations.

You say that the union "would necessitate on added missionary family at Van, I should think." Bitl has had but one missionary family for years at a tim The present state of Mr. Cole's health does not ee to warrant the unqualified expectation of his retur after a needed furlough,- but should he be able to r his work to some extent,- which we earnestly hop may be the case,- he certainly should not make t as formerly, and hence a younger man is imperati

called for. Why not arrange for the "added family" which would be needed at Van in case of the union of the stations to come to Bitlis?

We think you are aware that there is a healthful summer residence on mountain terraces within an hour's walk of the city, a place secured without expense to the Board, having been purchased by ourselves many years ago. This resort affords pure air and pure water, has excellent gardens, a large school-building and dugouts, terraces for tenting and places for building if desired.

We must take exception to your statement, that "If the union "would necessarily close the girls' boarding school at Bitlis and demand the transference of pupils to Van". The union of the stations for twelve years in the past did not attempt such a thing. We feel sure that many of the patrons of the Mt. Holyoke School here would not send their daughters to Van.

The fields of Bitlis and Van are dissimilar in the Armenian spoken, in the habits of the people and in other ways. Considering these diversities and the difficulties often met with in securing road papers, such a step as wrenching the Mt. Holyoke school from its natural foundations and removing it elsewhere, would, it appears to us, be attended with grave difficulties and prove disastrous to the work.

We have received at different times urgent invitations to join three other stations, but the reasons

Charlotte E. & Mary A. C. Ely
Bitlis - Turkey
Jan. 16 - 1906.

which prompted our coming to Bitlis in the first instance, have led to our remaining here. We cann at present feel that the interests of the work call for us to leave Bitlis, and do not expect th we shall be called upon to do so.

Much more might be added on this subject, but our letter is already long, therefore in conclusion allow us to say that we utterly fa to see what would be gained by the plan you allude We most earnestly renew the plea, - made long ago oft repeated and made again in our last letter to y that a new missionary be sent to Bitlis.

We much regret the straitened condition of the Board's treasury, and earnestly hope and pra that ere long it may be helped by generous gifts, thus relieving it from much of its present care and perplexity.

Yours very sincerely,
Charlotte E. Ely.
Mary A. C. Ely.

Rec'd MAR 10 1906
Answ.

Bitlis, Jan. 20, 1906.

r. J. L. Barton, D. D.,

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Having written you at ome length on the 18th of January, it is with a ittle hesitation we write you so soon again. his we are however prompted to do upon perusing our letter of Dec. 11th addressed to Mr. Andrus Mardin. In this you refer to "the combination the stations" (Bitlis and Van) and say: "I realize at it would mean the closing of the girls' boarding hool at Bitlis." We had many truggles and trials in the early years in connection ith the founding and establishing of this hool. It seems to us the Committee n hardly realize what a power for good this lt. Holyoke School has become; the closing it would we fear give a sad shock to work r woman in all this region. We do not wever anticipate that our co-labarers will rther urge a transfer which in our best dgment seems wholly impracticable and ost detrimental. With the Divine direction nd protection we believe it will be continued

to the acceptance and praise of the Master who
been pleased signally to bless it in the past.

A paragraph in the recent Annual Repor
the Board expresses so clearly one point we would
like to refer to, that I venture to copy it here:
"The great lack of men has caused the changing of
location of other members of the mission. This has
the taking of a family from a field with which it
thoroughly familiar, and putting it in a new an
strange field. Such a change means a great loss to
work - a loss which can hardly be overestimated,
the social ties and acquaintances of years are bro
and the forming of new ones takes time."

We feel most deeply that the
conditions here and the disheartened state in wh
many are found is a strong argument to contin
and increase rather than lessen efforts for th
work in Bitlis Station. That the oversig
of work in this field can be well carried on
the distant city of Van is to our minds mo
than doubtful. The steam launch upon
the proposed union seems so largely to rest
somewhat chimerical as yet; and even if it pr
a success, the port of Bitlis is half a day's jou
from the city, and this road is often impass-able
the Winter Season.

e have deep solicitude concerning the present
nancial stress of the Board. At the same time
e are assured that God is able and "shall supply
ll your need."

Pardon us if we seem to cling too closely
the work which has for long years claimed our
eenest interest, our best efforts, and in which
e have been supported through dark and
trying times. Whatever conclusion is
rrived at, the light from above is sure to
hine upon the path of God's servants, and
is Spirit sweetly comfort all their hearts.

With kindest regards,

Yours most sincerely,

Charlotte E. Ely.

Mary A. C. Ely.

P.S. Feb. 3rd The foregoing was written and ready to
when our post, received last evening, brought yours
Jan. 4th We have already expressed our opinion
the matter specially referred to in this letter of yours.
"the general efficiency of the work can be kept nearly
by union of stations
the present stage and continued at less expense" does
appear probable to any member of Bates station
Mr. Cole told us this morning he was feeling
proved in health and possibly his leaving
this would be deferred somewhat. We replied

that we did not wish him to run any
on our account. God will provide. With two
pean Consuls here we feel no hesitation
remaining even if alone.

Yours truly,
Mary A. C. Ely.

Carson City, Nev.
Oct. 30-1906

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Bitlis, Dec. 14, 1906.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D. D.

Dear Dr. Barton;-

The last letter we have received from you was dated October 8th, and to this my sister sent a prompt reply.

We have noted with glad and grateful hearts, that the Board closed its year free of debt, and that the late meeting was one of great interest and hopefulness.

For sister and me, the question arises again and again, "Are we, upon the withdrawal of Mr. Cole, to be left alone in this lonely and difficult post?" The fact that some Germans - Mr. and Mrs von Dobbeler - expect to take charge of an orphanage at Moosh, and possibly some other work, does not lessen the need of an American missionary to enter upon the important and many sided work of Bitlis station. We have written you twice upon

this subject within a few weeks. We come now to call attention to, and emphasize what has been said regarding the great need of re-inforcement for Bitlis. You are already aware that we have given, and continue to give our best endeavors to sustain and prosecute the work here.

Your cordial reply, upon receiving the detailed reasons, which we presented as the ground for retaining Bitlis as a station, gave us much hope that a missionary would soon be sent out. We have watched and waited long for the desired message, so far in vain. We now renew the earnest plea, Send us help, send us help speedily!

If amid the arduous duties of your strenuous life and the many appeals brought before the Prudential Committee, the reasons given for the re-inforcement of Bitlis have become, in a measure, forgotten I humbly beg that the long letter written by us in Jan. 1906 may have a fresh

reading. And I wish to say, that in addition to what is therein stated, there are still stronger reasons now, for the continuance of the Bitlis station. One of them is the political status, which calls louder than ever before, for the presence of foreign officials, and their stay is influenced - perhaps ensured - by the presence of foreigners, say American missionaries. Of course the primary and weighty reason is, the deep need of giving the gospel to this poor people.

Mr. Cole plans to leave Bitlis in the spring. It may be superfluous to say, that it will be absolutely impossible for us unaided, to take up the work he lays down. There is much which can only be carried on by a male missionary. And even could we attend to the work, the large scope of our present efforts would preclude the possibility of adding much more to the burdens we already carry.

My sister joins me in kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

Charlotte E. Ely.

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Bitlis, Oct. 5, 1909.

Dear Dr. Barton;

Tidings have just reached us that our beloved missionary mother, Mrs. G. C. Knapp, has entered into rest. Having been aware for some time that no hope was entertained of her recovery, we were in a measure prepared for this word, and yet we cannot but feel very deeply the loss of so dear a friend.

Sister and I were members of Mrs. Knapp's family from the time we sailed in 1868, for Turkey till after the death of our revered missionary father, Mr. G. C. Knapp, in 1895. Then followed the sad period of massacre, and Mrs. Knapp's return to the United States in 1896. As we think of the many years during which we were so intimately associated with her, we long for a ready pen to portray something of

the beauty of her character. Mr. and Mrs. Knapp were the first missionaries to enter the Bitlis field, and their life-work resulted, not only in the laying of good foundations, but also in adding not a little to their super-structure. Very thankful we are for the many helpful lessons taught us by these "stalwart missionaries."

During our long and trying journey to our home so far in the interior, we were much impressed with Mrs. Knapp's unselfishness, good judgment and executive ability. And as the years wore on, we recognised, in addition to those traits, many others, making her a devoted, successful missionary worker and also a helpful, affectionate friend. From first to last she was always ready to give of her large experience, and while cheerfully bearing her own burdens, to do all in her power to lighten those of others. Her memory is held in tender reverential affection

by the young men who came under her influence while in the school here. By her patient, gentle conduct she won the admiration and esteem of all classes, and it has been said of her "What a wonderful woman"! She has left sweet memories in many hearts!

It gives us much satisfaction to learn that Miss Knapp is to return to Bitlis. She did a noble work here and her coming will be very much appreciated by both missionaries, the schools, and the community at large.

Very sincerely,

Charlotte E. Ely.

Copied.

Miss Mary A. C. Ely 123.

Bitlis, Turkey, Jan 25, 1900.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.,

Dear Mr. Barton:—

Your favor of Sept. 21, 1899 was duly received, and would doubtless have been answered long ago, had it not been for the sickness of my sister, which entailed extra care on me, and left me little time for correspondence. I supposed also that Mr. Cole wrote you often, and was therefore less solicitous as to my own writing. I had however put your letter in my portfolio for a reply this very week, when your kind note of sympathy of Dec. 19th was received. We both thank you cordially for your repeated assurances of prayerful interest and sympathy.

Referring to your communication of Sept. 19th, we were cheered to learn that the Prudential Committee authorized the sending of a missionary physician to Bitlis as soon as a suitable man can be found. Dr. Ussher has gone to Van. Mr. Knapp has gone to Kharpoot. Erzroom already has a physician. Oh! that you could find a second Dr. Ussher to send Bitlis, speedily.

Others have written you of my sister's illness - so I will be brief. Since our return in '97 she had been very well, and able to work hard. She had taken up orphan work, with the zeal and enthusiasm she always takes up any kind of work, and had continued it for almost two years when obliged to lay it aside for a time. But the careful and thorough training given renders it far easier work

and the strong and helpful impetus acquired still continues.

My sister suffered in the trying experiences with the A's - then followed a season of very hard work - probably she went beyond her strength - and finally a severe cold laid her aside from active work. Then for the first time in our missionary life in Turkey we felt it needful to summon a physician from outside. Dr. Kisher came and was able to give immediate relief. His stay of ten days was so eminently helpful that he then felt it prudent to leave his patient and hasten on to Erzroom. We can not speak in too high terms of his skill and kind consideration. Since he left my sister has continued to improve. By following his instructions she has gained steadily and is beginning to take

up some forms of light work again. Though unable to leave the house - it is cold wintry weather — she sees a few persons in her room, writes some, corrects the manuscripts of the scholars, adapts lines to music &c &c. Our little circle are all in good health. Miss Knapp and I get out for a little exercise in the fresh air almost every day. The roads are good, the air clear and bracing most of the time. Miss Knapp will shortly write you on school matters which move on smoothly and we trust with lasting benefit to the scholars. Always kind and helpful, she has been exceedingly so during the trying weeks of my Lister's sickness. I may add the same of Rev and Mrs. Cole.

As the new year opens we feel we have abundant cause for profound gratitude, more especially do I feel this as day by day I gladly note the returning strength of my dear Lister.

We unite in kindest love to Mrs. Barton, and in cordial greetings and best wishes for the year.

Yours very Sincerely, Mary A. C. Ely

AUG 30 1900
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Summer Camp
Near Bitlis, July 16, 1900.

Rev. J. L. Barton D.D.,

Mr. Cole is so assiduous a correspondent, I am almost inclined to deem my writing to be superfluous; however with our cordial greetings I will mention a few items.

A few months since two of our Mt. Holyoke graduates, who had been teaching for nearly eight years, left the country, for the land of the free. Owing to the peculiar conditions existing for some years past, it has been very hard in any way to fill their places.

I am happy to report that four self supporting scholars have been received into the girls' high school since Easter. Three of these are from Bitlis city, two being daughters of a Gregorian tax-gatherer, and one the child of of a wealthy Gregorian merchant. The fourth is from Heizen province, and is the first pupil from there to come to this Mt. Holyoke School.

It gives me much satisfaction to say that after the lapse of five years we have this season been permitted to gather the students at the old camping ground on a mountain slope where we have a few small terraces. The older girls who have the memory of former pleasant days spent here, are delighted to come again, while the younger ones no less enjoy the place, its cold spring water, refreshing shade and freedom to ramble — within certain limits over the mountain slopes. To us all, the pure air and quiet are most grateful, and we are thankful that we may for a little time be relieved of hearing the sad appeals so constantly met with in the town.

As you are doubtless informed our time and thoughts are much taken up with work for orphans. Over forty girl orphans have recently been gathered into a hired house, near the school, and are cared for by one of the graduates. The change in their appearance after even a brief stay is simply astonishing; we trust a similar alteration in character is in progress, and regard the whole enterprise as most hopeful.

It remains for me to inquire, with much solicitude, if word has come from that "suitable man for Bitlis." He is greatly needed. Harpoot has been supplied - Van likewise - Is it not possible to find a physician of some experience willing to come to Bitlis? With the exception of Miss Knapp the present members of the circle here have been in the missionary service thirty two years.

There is sore need of help here.

My Sister and Miss Knapp join me in kindest love to Mrs. Barton, and regards to yourself -

Yours very Sincerely,
Mary A. C. Ely.

P.S. As I send this off today - 23rd - I can not forbear adding or rather emphasizing what I have said above - the missionaries, the station, the work in this part of the E. T. M. greatly needs help! Is there no hope of its being secured soon - the present season?

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Bitlis, Dec. 3rd 1900.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.,

Dear Dr. Barton:—

Yours of Oct. 19th was a little over a month making its long trip to us, and, it bore indications of having been handled somewhat roughly en route.

Your recent communication speaks solely on the subject of supply of the field, particularly with reference to the coming of a physician to Bitlis, adding: "I should like your judgement upon this point."

I will therefore repeat and emphasize our opinion previously given. We should consider sending a woman physician here a grave mistake. Possibly one without a government diploma would do at Harpoot, here she would doubtless be subjected to an unending series of annoyances if not positive insults. If we are correctly informed Dr. Kimball left Van because she could not secure permission to practice, and would not practice without it— in direct opposition to the powers that be.

Yet Dr. Kimball had prestige with both Turks and Armenians, experience in Mission work and good command of the language before she began to practice. Dr Raynolds had preceded her and continued medical work after her coming. Van has usually been regarded a safer and freer city than Bitlis. Imagine a lady physician — perhaps a young one — in a city whose Kurdish population far exceeds the Armenian, whose streets swarm with insolent Turks, where there never has been even a male missionary physician to establish any sort of precedent to make it easier for her. It would call for a woman of some age, experience and force of character to succeed in such a position even had she full official recognition. Wanting this; constantly meeting the opposition of the authorities; with no right to appeal to the government should trouble occur; indeed the authorities would have the right to refuse protection to her, working as she would be without a diploma from the government, unable like Mrs. Stapleton to get her prescriptions filled at the apothecary's

would it be wise to place any woman in such a position? It may have been suggested to you that a lady physician here could limit her practice to the missionary circle schools and orphanages! In the first place such a proposition is utterly impracticable - how could she refuse to attend cases in our community and outside it when there is no Christian doctor in the city to send people to; in the second place were it practicable no woman with any pride in and love for her profession - no woman worthy the name of physician - would think for an instant of coming here were she informed beforehand of such a restriction.

Permit me to add that it is especially important that a physician for Bitlis should be one of some experience since this city unlike other stations of the Mission has no foreign or Christian doctor to call in for consultation in case of need.

We are not unmindful of the difficulty in the way of securing re-inforcements; still we urge our need is very great.

You are probably aware that there are

restrictions to travelling in these parts ....
I am happy to say my sister was recently able
to go with native escort to a large village
Kooltig - where she spent ten days, including
two Sabbaths much to the comfort and cheer
of the church and community there.

The Mt. Holyoke School routine goes on
smoothly and hopefully.

One of the older of our orphan girls
was married this morning to a fine Christian
young man from Sheikaoob village - three
days from here. The weather continues
very pleasant, no snow has as yet fallen
here. Wheat is nearly normal in price -
a little more than half the price it
was last season.

We are very glad to learn of Mrs Barton's
improved health and desire to be
most cordially remembered to her.

My sister and Miss Knapp
join me in kindest regards.

Yours very sincerely,
Mary A. E. Ely.

Bitis, July 3, 1901.

Rev. Judson Smith, D.D.,

Dear Dr. Smith:-

It gives me much pleasure to address you once more, and I do so in the confidence that the special plea of this communication will have a patient hearing and receive a helpful response as soon as possible.

The object of my writing at this time is to call the attention of the Board to the fact that Bitis station is in deep need of re-inforcement.

You are aware that Mr. Cole has been in the Mission field nearly thirty three years. The same term of service has been filled by Sister and myself. Miss Knapp has been here nearly eight years, and should soon have a furlough.

The E. T. M. long ago voted and has since emphasized its conviction that Bitlis should be speedily reinforced.

Since then other stations have been supplied. Dr. Ussher and two lady teachers sent to Van. Our Mr. Knapp has been sent to Harpoot. and later a physician and lady teachers

appointed to that place.

Bitlis is still waiting for help. While we might justly plead for means to enlarge the work yet all we ask now is help for the pressing needs of the moment. Please call the attention of the Prudential Committee to this matter.

The routine of this Mt. Holyoke School goes on satisfactorily; we trust lessons from nature and grace are making indelible impressions on many hearts. With love to Mrs Smith —

Yours very sincerely,

Mary H. C. Ely.

Miss Mary A. C. Eby
Bitlis, July 3, 1901
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Rev. J. Smith, D.D.,

Dear Dr. Smith:—

Your communication of Aug. 5th was received by our last post. I hasten to extend the thanks of Sister and myself for your prompt letter and particularly to emphasize the sense of relief we feel that at last some one has been found for and designated to this needy field. Our earnest hope and prayer is that Dr. Underwood and wife may prove just the right ones for this place and that their coming

may give a new impetus to the work here - where for so long the need of a second missionary family has been deeply felt.

School routine goes on pleasantly - we trust profitably. Last week I was able to go over to the large village of Kooltig - spending the Saturday and Sunday there.

Miss Knapp, in accordance with Dr. Ussher's advice is spending a few weeks at Van - She was in need of a change and rest. If here she would join us in heartfelt expressions of satisfaction that the reinforcement so greatly needed

is (D.V.) so soon to reach us.

As we do not know where to address Dr. Underwood will you kindly forward the endosed note of welcome to him if he shall have left U.S. to some point likely to reach him en route for Turkey.

My sister joins me in love to Mrs. Smith and in kindest regards to yourself.

Yours very Sincerely,
Mary A. C. Ely.

Miss Mary A. C. Ely

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Bitlis, Turkey, April 14, 02.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.,

Dear Dr. Barton:—

Cordial greetings from Sister and self — We followed you with deep interest in your long journey, and noted the report of the grand work done by the committee in India. We rejoice in all you were permitted to accomplish — for the impetus given and cheer received, and devoutly pray that permanent good to the missionary cause may result. We rejoice also to learn that Mrs. Barton's health was improved by the journey.

And now it gladdens us to think of you as back in the home work, where your large experience both at home and abroad enables you to enter so fully into the needs and efforts of the workers in the foreign field.

No marked change has occurred in the work of our station during the past year. Limitations have been but slightly altered. Work in connection with the boarding school and orphanages has occupied not a little of the time of our teachers. A brief report of the Mt. Holyoke School is herewith enclosed.

Latterly considerable attention has

been given to preparing some of the older orphan girls for the new homes opened for them. Quite a number have been betrothed and most of them already married. Good reports come to us from them and we trust each may prove a faithful witness for the truth wherever her lot is cast. The past winter was very open - harbingers of an early Spring were seen weeks ago. Now fruit trees are in blossom, while verdure and beauty is rapidly increasing on every hand. Of late years we have not had the severe weather and deep snows which have so long been associated with a Bitlis winter.

Possibly you may already have heard of the need of Miss Knapp's taking a furlough. She has been out nearly nine years. Mr. Cole and

I are planning to set out
with her as soon as arrang
for the journey to Erzroum
be perfected, and thus me
Dr. & Mrs. Underwood at the
point and accompany them
hither.

My Sister is well and su
occupied in school and in
seeing the girls' orphanages.
joins me in loving greetings
Mrs. Barton and to you b
a most heartfelt "Welcome h

Yours very Sincerely,
Mary A. C. Ely.

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Bitlis, Turkey
Ans'd DEC. 27 1902
Nov. 14. 1902.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.,

Dear Dr. Barton:—

If I remember rightly your communication of March 21st reached us the next mail after I had sent a brief letter and School Report to you. These were posted the 19th of April last. Thanks for your words of cheer.

The past Summer has been one of unusual pressure or we should have written earlier. Still from the accounts of others you have been kept pretty well informed as to general conditions here.

Early in May I was very glad to accompany Miss Knapp to Erzroom. No words can express our deep regret at the decline in her health. She appears steadily to have lost ground during her long journey home, and having taken a severe cold at Constantinople she reached the United States in a sadly enfeebled condition. We watch for tidings from her each week with great solicitude. Word from her of late has been more and more hopeful; we trust and fervently pray that with the Lord's blessing on the means

used and the Colorado climate, she will eventually recover, and return to the work she is so well fitted for here. It may seem premature, but we wish even thus early to call attention to the fact that the Mission long since voted her, and she should have a young associate, whom we hope by and by she can to a certain extent select herself.

It was a great pleasure to meet our new associates (Drs. Underwood) at Erzroom, and do what I could to make the journey hither comfortable for them. Their grateful appreciation of my efforts and steady aim to make the best of things helped to render the trip enjoyable for us all. We thank the Lord and the Board for sending us such helpers. They are now energetically at work acquiring the language, and Dr. H. L. devotes considerable time to medical work.

The Summer months were spent on the terrace of a near mountain, as has been customary for many years, where we have accommodations for the Mt. Holyoke School as well as for the missionary circle. Owing to this arrangement the school usually disbands about October 1st. This season circumstances led to its continuance a few days longer. This year three promising young women graduated. Interest in the

exercises of Commencement day has always been quite marked, so much so that of late years we have been obliged to issue admission tickets. On the present occasion the large assembly room was filled to its utmost capacity and many were greatly disappointed because there was not room for them: The satisfaction evinced by the large audience was most gratifying, and in remarks made by the British Consul and others special notice was taken of the fine singing, and attention called to the class motto which is: "Living as seeing Him who is invisible". After the valedictory and class song the "maurif" presented the diplomas, which he kindly vised at the close of the exercises. These new graduates give good promise of usefulness - all will teach, two of them in the Mt. Holyoke school the coming year.

A few weeks since, in company with Mr. Cole I made a short tour in the Aklat region, and much enjoyed the time given to evangelistic work in those rural districts. Immediately after the close of the Mt. Holyoke School, we went to Moosh and several outstations in that vicinity. Having in hand from the proper authorities, permission to open a girls' boarding school at Moosh I gave some attention to the

selection of suitable candidates for admission
It has been arranged that a young women
who has been in the Mitis Mt. Holyoke School
four years help the preacher's wife in carrying
on this new enterprise.

My Sister has just returned from the large
village of Kooting where she found much to do
during the few days spent there. An encour-
aging and progressive work among the women
has been going on for many years at this place

My Sister and I send our love to
Mrs. Barton, and unite also in kindest
regards to yourself —

Yours most sincerely,
Mary A. C. Ely.

HARRY WADE HICKS.

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BITLIS, TURKEY IN ASIA.
February, 1903.

MY DEAR COUSIN GRACE—

A good old-fashioned Bitlis snowstorm is in progress, keeping me indoors today, and it occurs to me to improve the opportunity thus afforded to give you a little account of a short tour made recently by Rev. Mr.Cole and myself. While there are some special discomforts and risks incident to touring in winter, we find on the other hand the people of the rural districts more at leisure then, than at any other season of the year. As the roads are largely impassable for horses after heavy snowfalls, travelers and all kinds of merchandise have to be conveyed by hand sleds.

It was a beautiful link in the chain of providences leading to my tour that on the day I was preparing to go, a stalwart man—who has often served us on our journeys of this kind, came in from a near village, so that I was able to secure his services. This man once drew Charlotte in a sled on a trip of forty-four days, and deserves a medal for his ability and faithfulness. The sleds used have shafts, like the thills of a carriage. One man draws and one pushes. Our sled has a railing about fifteen inches high, which helps to keep the traveler and baggage in place. This year we added a waxed cloth cover over a small frame, which I found a great protection against wind and cold. My outfit was meager, but included a small hammock and warm wraps.

Having given due notice to the authorities, and they on their part having furnished us two soldiers as guard, we set out on the morning of February 6. You have heard of "a scene fit for a painter." As I was snugly esconsed bag and baggage in my unique vehicle, Dr. Underwood came along to bid me godspeed and I'm pretty sure I heard something about "picture for a camera." As Charlotte has ordered a kodak from America, perhaps some time we can send you a photo of this quaint little conveyance. The only hindrance to an easy stage that day was that the newly fallen snow clung to the runners of the sled, making it hard to draw. This however was from time to time partly remedied by the sledmen placing one of their stout walking sticks across the path and then drawing the sled back and forth till the coating of ice was removed.

About half way to our first day's stopping place we reached the "Persiaa Khan." This is a large stone structure, built no one knows how long ago, but with wise forethought, as it is placed near the edge of a bleak plain. Doubtless thousands have sought refuge in it from the fatal cold and winds which sweep over the moor in winter. On one occasion having been caught out in a terrible storm, I, with two companions, found shelter there for a night, thus escaping a catastrophe—which is by no means infrequent—that of being frozen to death amid the trackless snows. I am glad to add that this Khan, for many years left in partial ruins, has of late been put in good repair by the government.

After a short rest there and warming our benumbed fingers, we set forth again and, without incident, duly reached Tadvan village, the part of Bitlis situated at the south-west end of lake Van. Clumsy boats having lateen sails ply between the two cities of Bitlis and Van; and as the winds sweeping over this mountain-girt lake are capricious, one can never surely estimate how long a passage is likely to be. Once a large party of missionaries were, I think, nearly two weeks making it, and once we came across in less than twenty-four hours. As we drew near the village I counted five boats in the harbor, waiting for cargo or for a favorable wind. Arrived, we went to an "Odah" or travelers room, and were soon greeted by friends and acquaintances. After lengthy conversations, a light supper was served. This was followed by prayer and we were ready to retire. The one dark, smoky, gloomy room was partly occupied by a crowd of domestic animals and partly given up to us. I had my sled drawn into one corner, a box placed at the foot, and crawled in, determined to get as much rest as possible, and despite my cramped quarters had a tolerably good sleep. At early dawn the piece of sod which covered a hole about a foot in diameter in the conical roof was removed, and the outline of rough stone walls, a floor of earth, and roof jet black from smoke were revealed. Pretty soon people began to come in, and the father of one of our high school girls invited us to his house for breakfast. This consisted of fried fish, rice pilaf, bread and tea. Soon after the meal I went to a priest's house, my usual rallying point there, and a group of women quickly gathered, with whom I had earnest talks on practical themes.

Resuming our journey we passed on to a village picturesquely situated on high ground, a little back from the lake, called Toohk. With proper care this might become a most charming summer retreat, affording as it does cool, bracing air, beautiful walks and the unparalled opportunity for bathing in the tonic waters of the lake. Here the question of where we should spend Sunday came up. As the path leading to the next village is steep and was said to be badly drifted, I accepted the urgent invitation of our host to remain, and sent my chief sledman to help Mr. Cole on his way to Huntsorkeen. I was not sorry to see our guard follow the little company as it moved on.

Friends began to gather, and by evening I had a large audience of eager listeners. Hours passed pleasantly, and I trust profitably. In due time my host conducted worship and outsiders left. My little hammock was put up and I soon in it. Please bear in mind this was a rural home, which may not, however suggest all that this involves here. On one side the family camped down on the earthern floor; on the other side, not far removed, cows and cattle were tied, and about a yard from me were a good dozen hens and a fine chanticleer. Sleep was tardy in coming to me, and it seemed as if of short duration when the approach of day was loudly and clearly announced by said chanticleer. In these primitive regions no church bell strikes the passing hours, but "before or after the cock crows" serves to indicate time, at least approximately. At early dawn I watched the row of hens make their morning toilet, but when a couple of them essayed to use me as a stepping place to the ground, I objected. My host's family consisted of wife, one son and five daughters—whose names are Dove, Victoria, Eunice, Esther and Sweetrose. All did what they could for my comfort. Sunday morning a large company of women gathered, with whom I read and talked till my voice gave out. Among those present was a former pupil, who is married and settled there. She is an earnest christian, but owing to the stringent customs laid on brides, had been hitherto deterred from offering prayer in the little prayer meetings. At my suggestion she did so on this day, and I trust that thus her influence may be widened.

A poor woman, who had lost a son a few months before, told me she had not removed her clothes for weeks, because of mourning for him. I tried to show her the folly of such a grief and she promised to make a change very soon. I noticed a woman weeping and inquired the cause. Some one replied "Her husband has been beating her." Ascertaining where said husband lived I called on him and tried to show him the unkindness of his course. He seemed quite tractable and gave me his word that he would not beat his wife again. I afterwards sought out the young woman and begged her to be good and obedient so as not to provoke him. These and similar incidents helped to cheer me as I tried to sow seeds of truth and kindness among the people on that bright Sabbath day.

In the evening a little company of brethren came together and I told them a number of narratives, illustrating the power of faith, of prayer, etc. Reading of scripture and prayer by a former teacher closed the busy day. I had a quiet night—as chanticleer's room had been changed.

Monday morning my sledman returned from the village where I had sent him, and in due time we met Mr. Cole and together pushed on to another village named Gudsvag, which is compactly built on the lake shore. A dear old native friend lives here—the only woman in the place who can read. She was so pleased to see me, a feeling I heartily reciprocated. I found her much aged and broken; she had received a terrible blow four years ago, when a beloved son, in his twentieth year, was murdered very near his own home. There were many eye witnesses, and the perpetrator of the awful deed is now in prison for fifteen years. The poor mother has wept until her eyesight is much impaired. She tries bravely to cast this heavy load of sorrow on the great burden Bearer. I heard her repeat many sentences, which reminded me of passages in the Psalms, as "Blessed Lord, Thou art my wall of defence and my fortress." "Take Thou vengance; do Thou Thy will." "I have trusted and will trust to the end of my days."

A good many women came in and listened earnestly as I read and explained several passages of scripture. My night's rest was broken by the frequent and loud crying of a babe near by. It seemed incredible that any one could sleep in the room, but the entire family did sleep soundly, and were not aroused when I added my voice, begging some one to quiet the child.

The next morning the dense smoke of the newly lighted "tonir" (ground oven) compelled me to flee the place for a while. I sought refuge in the "odah," and found a goodly number gathered there. They listened with deferential attention as I talked with them and told them a few incidents which I hoped would be helpful to them.

As the stage for the day was short, we set out at about ten o'clock, and reached Dsaag a little after noon. We had scarcely seated ourselves in the home of one of the high school scholars, when word came that a man, wearing a hat, had passed by on a sled a short time before. We were daily expecting an English evangelist (Mr. Campbell) from Van, and inferred that the traveler reported to have passed must be he, and since the village he would stop at was only an hour distant, we ordered our sleds and set out again. Accustomed to oriental tales and fancies, we were nevertheless surprised to learn that no traveler similar to the person described had been seen at Aghagh. The day was given largely to house to house visitation, and meetings were held, both for men and for women. I visited a dear old father who, having had a paralytic shock, had been confined to his bed for many months. It is sad to reflect that possibly his present helpless condition may have been induced by a very severe beating given him a few years ago.

There is a peculiar state of things extant in the provinces near. I will give one example: Persons carry to the villages tobacco, having the stamp of government on the packages. This they compel the peasants to buy, even obliging persons who do not use tobacco to pay for it!

No word having been heard of our expected traveler it seemed best to return to Dsaag. Owing to the inexplicable position taken by the authorities, three more soldiers were added to our guard, making us feel that visiting our little communities with such a large escort was quite burdensome. Special meetings were held. I had an interesting visit with a former pupil in her new home, where a large group of women came in and I had long personal talks.

Thursday evening found us again at Gadsvag en route for home. Friday we lunched at Tadvan, and as a storm had already set in, we journeyed on as fast as possible, succeeded in crossing the moor, and reached a village called Hahkreve for the night. For many reasons our stay here was uncomfortable. Sleep failed to favor me, and I lay cramped and almost shivering in my hammock, listening to the roaring of the fierce wind and longing for daybreak. It is a comfort to reflect that unerring Providence orders our steps, and I felt as a dear school friend recently wrote, that "It didn't make so much difference whether we reached a given place at a given time, but it did make a great deal of difference whether we learned to trust our heavenly Father implicitly. I have many times been comforted amid scenes of confusion and peril in recalling the old stanzas:

"Howl, winds of night, your force combine;
Without his high behest
Ye shall not, in the mountain pine,
Disturb the sparrow's nest."

At last day dawned, revealing a scene of marvelous beauty. The high wind had blown the newly fallen snow into most grotesque and fantastic shapes. All was sparkling in the sunlight, but a sharp wind threatened to drift over the road and make finding the path difficult. However, we decided to make the attempt and met with success. At about two o'clock we reached home, which, after the days spent in the dark, smoky "odahs," looked almost palatial. Did you ever think it a luxury to sit down to a table with a tablecloth on it? Or that windows were a special comfort? Or that a stovepipe to convey smoke away was a blessing? These and other comforts were appreciated anew as I recalled the discomfort their lack had occasioned.

But I must hasten to bring my letter to a conclusion. Do you ask, "What is the outlook? I reply, it is by no means bright. Trouble in various forms has not yet brought forth the fruits of righteousness in the hearts of those exercised thereby. Many are indifferent to the claims of the Gospel. Others are still satisfied with heartless forms. And yet many noble christian characters shine with perhaps greater luster because of surrounding darkness.

As I close my letter the heavy snow storm continues, and I am heartily glad and thankful that we came home just at the time we did.

Charlotte joins me in cordial greetings to yourself, to the Bee and to all inquiring friends, and believe me ever to remain, your affectionate cousin,

M. ANNIE C. ELY.

Miss Mary A. C. Ely

Rec'd JUN 30 1903

Bitlis, May 27, 1903.

Rev. J. L. Barton D.D.,

Ans'd AUG 3 1903

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Thanks for your two communications written in October and December last. The first came very soon after I had sent a letter to you and I felt there was little to prompt another soon, hence I delayed acknowledging its receipt. Your second was a long time reaching us - doubtless because the season was very severe, and the roads in an extremely bad condition.

Mr. Cole, always an assiduous writer, has I doubt not kept you posted as to matters of general interest concerning the work here. You will through his letters have heard of the visit of Mr. Campbell

an English Evangelist. It was most helpful, and the influence of his simple forceful presentation of Gospel truth still remains. Several of our dear school girls believe that through his instrumentality they yielded their hearts to God.

In February Mr. Cole and I made a short tour to seven villages in the Aklat district. As a severe storm continued several days after our return, I had time to pen a little sketch of the trip which was printed in a small local paper - A copy of this I venture to enclose.

Routine work in connection with the schools, orphanages, meetings for women and the like goes on pleasantly, and we trust with profit.

You will already have heard of the sad suffering and

loss of life occasioned by recent earthquakes in districts in the Bitlis vilayet as well as in those of Erzroom and Van. Slight shocks are still felt here occasionally, but no damage has been done in Bitlis city.

The prospect of having a meeting of the Mission at Van this Summer is becoming more and more probable. In case it materializes either Sister or I shall try to attend, and even if we can not go to Van we shall have the pleasure of seeing most of the friends as they stop at Bitlis en route for Van.

We are just now much enjoying a visit from Professor Rendall Harris and wife. They came last week, and after a few days propose going to Moosh and thence to Harpoot. As Mrs. Harris is not very strong it

has been thought best for Dr. Underwood to accompany them. I expect to improve the opportunity to go as far as Moosh then, and do what we circumstances permit there and in the adjacent outstations.

Recent tidings from our beloved associate, Miss Knapp are far from reassuring. We trust however that with warm weather she may improve. Whatever be the outcome of her present feeble condition, we know she is safe in the keeping of our heavenly Father. We have in mind a young lady a student volunteer, who we hope may in time be able to come out as an associate.

My sister joins me in cordial greetings and in love to Mrs. Barton.

Yours very sincerely
Mary A. C. Ely.

Rec'd NOV 3 1903 /32.

Bitlis, Turkey, Oct. 6, 1903.

Ans'd NOV 20 1903

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.,

Dear Dr. Barton:—

Thanks for your favor of August third, which was duly received.

The summer months brought us unusual pleasure and refreshment in visits from friends from outside. In August the entire Erzroom missionary circle came and spent over a week with us at our delightful resort on mountain terraces. The Mt. Holyoke students, - whom you know join us on the hills for the hot season, - have now gone to their homes for a few weeks vacation.

Dr. Underwood having for some time been looking forward to making a medical tour set out for Moosh Sept. 15th. I too wished to make a tour in that region and there were several school girls desirous of returning to Moosh so we set out together and had a pleasant journey thither. There was also another girl in our company, an orphan engaged to be married to a fine young man, in a village near

Moosh. The young man was formerly a student in Bitlis high school, and has for some time been teacher in his native village.

Dr. and I made our head quarters at the pastor's Badvelli Crecore. You probably have been informed of his recent ordination, specially gratifying to Sister and me, since we helped him to get an education. Now, that instead of joining the ranks of those emigrating to westward land he has elected to settle down and labor for the good of his country people, we are both glad and thankful. His wife is a graduate of the Mt. Holyoke School. Their only little child, a sweet little girl united with the church last fall, when but eight years of age.

We reached Moosh Thursday. Our time was quite filled Friday and Saturday in seeing the people that came. Dr. cared for his patients and I had visits from new and old friends. Sunday we attended the usual services. I had a meeting with the women and girls and many personal talks. In the evening Dr. gave a talk on Job to the orphan boys there, which I translated. On Monday Dr. complained of a severe head ache, the next day I had

ame trouble; we attributed it to the bad air - for which Moosh is rather noted. On Wednesday Dr. felt unable to see patients - though immediately after breakfast he saw one, a poor boy very sick of diptheria! Dr. had a suitable note written to the Moosh mutaserif therewith!

Before leaving Biths Dr. had been attending a large number of persons having typhoid fever and he now became convinced that he himself was coming down with it. On the Wednesday morning I strongly urged an immediate return to Biths to which after a little he consented. As Dr. was quite unable to ride his horse, I at once had some "moffahs" prepared. On trial it was found he could not even endure this way of journeying, and stopping at a near village I had poles attached to his "moffah" and engaged men to carry it. I was able to secure fresh milk and eggs - so essential to keep up his strength - at our various stopping places.

It had been threatening rain, but continued fair - for which blessing we thanked God fervently. The air, mild and balmy was filled with the fragrance of the licorice leaves - in which the great plain abounds - crushed as we passed along.

But I will not take your time to read a detail
account of the memorable journey home; it was
made with comparative comfort to the dear suffer
The last night out we were obliged to spend
a khan about two hours from the city, but for
good quarters there - When within a few minut
of home Dr. mounted his horse - to avoid giving
his wife a shock, should she see him being
brought on a litter. Mrs. Underwood - being
as you know a physician, was able at once
set about systematic care of her husband, a
he is now decidedly convalescent, for which
are all profoundly thankful. The other mem
of our circle are in usual health.

Sister joins me in love to Mrs.
Barton, and kindest regards to yourself -

Yours very Sincerely,
Mary A. L. Ely.

Personal. Mary A. C. Ely 133.

Bitlis Turkey.

July 11, 1904

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Dear Dr. Barton,

Sister joins me in most cordial greetings to Mrs. Barton and yourself. We hope you are in comfortable circumstances, and not too greatly burdened in your responsible and heavy work.

This eleventh day of July brings us to the thirty sixth anniversary of our sailing for Turkey. Thirty six years of service in a peculiar field, one to which we were called in an emphatic and peculiar manner. Years filled with innumbered opportunities and high privilege of service. Many and great changes have taken place in this remote corner of the Lord's great vineyard.

Reminiscences come thronging i
our minds, especially of the bles
revivals repeatedly enjoyed in
early years. Then followed, in
early seventies, a self supporting
church and soon more outstan
than we have at the present tim
Scores of beloved pupils, scatter
from Persia to California flit
before our eyes, and, while we
miss their helpful presence, we
trust they are centres of light an
blessing wherever their lot is cas
We deem it one of our choicest
blessings that for over a quarter of
a century we had a home with
those stalwart and greatly beloved
missionaries Mr. & Mrs Knapp - The
recollection of their wise counsels,
tender care and sympathy and
delightful companionship will eve
be gratefully cherished by us.

If as the years go by the roa
becomes more and more difficul

and the outlook thickens and darkens, the upward path is always bright, and looking at the needs here, we stay our hearts on the Faithful One and plod hopefully on.

We wish to add a word that it seems better not to incorporate in a general letter. Sister and I feel that Mr. Cole needs an associate as soon as a suitable one can be found. We love Dr. & Mrs. Underwood much, but as you are probably aware they are not confident of returning here. May the Lord guide in all!

For ourselves, Sister and me - it is different. We are in the best of health "remarkably good health" as Dr. U. said a few weeks ago - and under the limitations of present circumstances we feel we do not need help. Indeed we should consider it a great mistake for a young lady to be sent here now. I allude to this as particularly because we noticed

in Mr. Cole's recent station repo
the statement that he thought
young lady should soon be
out. Surely you will rightly u
derstand us when we request
that one may not be sent to
assist us in work for women a
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our opinion - who are so intima
concerned in the matter - seem
justify it. Could we talk o
you instead of sending you th
imperfect and meagre note
feel quite sure you would fr
coincide with our views in th
matter.

With many earnest wi
for your health and work,
believe me to remain,
Most Sincerely Yours
Mary A. C. Ely.

Rec'd AUG 11 1904

Bitlis, Turkey.
July 16, 1904.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.,

Dear Dr. Barton:

We have noticed with deep regret that many large fires have recently occurred in the United States, but it was far from our thoughts that a like catastrophe was soon to befall this mountain locked town, whose solid stone dwellings seem almost to preclude the possibility of such a disaster. As however twenty two years ago the Bitlis markets were almost wholly destroyed by fire, so now, all the better portions have been swept away, and in their place only an unsightly mass of ruins remain.

At a little past midnight, last night my sister was aroused from sleep by a commotion in the streets and soon observed clouds of smoke and a portentous light against the sky. The direction in which seen and some words of persons hurrying by led us to fear that the markets were on fire - an apprehension soon confirmed. I hastened to the girls' school and instructed the pupils who were sleeping on

the roof to go down stairs, and after assuring myself that the tent walls on the roof were in no danger of catching fire, and having given some directions, returned home.

It was a sad watch Sister and I kept on our house top. For more than two hours we gazed at the awful sight, as dark clouds of smoke pierced by high flames continued to be seen. The terrible conflagration fed by abundant dry material and fanned by a furious wind swept on and on consuming every thing in its path. The severe wind was a strong ally blowing as it did ignited substances far and near, kindling new fires in several places at once. The rapid notes of the soldiers' bugles served to arouse many of the inhabitants of the town, crowds of whom were soon hurrying on to the scene of disater. Ere long a second stream of people, now laden with goods and plunder, came running in the opposite direction. Men, especially soldiers, with all the dry goods they could carry, some with bags of wool, iron, boards, leather &c. &c. eagerly pressed on. One youth was seen with a long string of shoes, a couple of which he had already donned, quite unconscious

of the fact that one was black and the other red.

The fire is said to have broken out in a large heap of brush wood piled on the bank of the river near a public bath. Its origin is involved in mystery, but many assert that had suitable efforts been put forth in good season, the fire might easily have been extinguished. Be this as it may it is certain that after a short time it became utterly beyond control.

The general path of devastation was directly through the chief bazaars, which were well stocked with European goods; thence along the shoe bazaars snatching with its fiery tongue our book store and sparing nothing in its destructive race. Since no measures were taken to prevent, the fire actually crossed the river, a few paltry shops on a bridge serving as a connecting link. Once over, on and down it swept with increased fury, nothing in its path escaping its deadly grasp, till having reached the end of the line of shops it began from lack of new material to smoulder, and finally choked itself to death.

An estimate of loss incurred can not as yet be accurately made, but doubtless it is very heavy. Both Christians and Mahommedans

share in this sad calamity. An eye witness relates that he saw one frenzied Turk — whose reason had been dethroned — being bound and carried away from the wreck of his burning shops.

This morning, with Mr. Cole and the pastor I went down to look at the ruins, and to see if it were feasible to take a photograph of them. It was indeed a woful sight that presented itself as we reached the place of the catastrophe. Before us long rows of arched rooms, thrown open by the destruction of all doors and wooden appurtenances, crowds of people digging among the debris if perchance they might exhume something of value. Swarms of men women and children thronged the streets, stolidly gazing at the destruction on all sides or trying to secure something from the chaotic mass. Here a Turkish boy with a great piece of sugar trying to wash off the soot and smoke, occasionally tasting what appeared but an unpalatable sweet. There a woman sweeping up some scattered half burned wheat. Yonder a crowd of poor persons each carrying away pieces of partially burned boards or timbers — Everywhere groups of children busily picking up bits of glass, tiny scraps of calico, tin and other well nigh worthless remnants. While the river close by was full of wretched people standing knee deep in the muddy water, scraping diving and poking about for such odds and ends as might have found lodgment there — a picture in which desolation reigned supreme.

Thus added to unspeakable apprehension and sad disquietude has been this calamity by fire. The weak faith of many almost leads them to feel that God has forsaken them — We hope and pray that these repeated calamities may serve to soften rather than to harden and lead those afflicted thereby to search for the true and everlasting riches — and be fulfilled the prophets words "In their affliction they will seek me early".

Yours very sincerely, Mary A. C. Ely

Mary A. C. Ely

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Bitlis, Aug. 29, 1904.

Ans'd OCT 1 1904

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton:—

Cordial greeting.

Doubtless the minds of many, interested in the Lord's work, are turned to this center watching hopefully and prayerfully for good tidings. With what eager delight would I hasten to communicate them were I justified by the truth to do so! Alas! facts point in the opposite direction. Day by day the oppressive cloud of sin, suffering and sorrow seems to thicken and lower. That we can not reasonably expect a better

condition of things to be initiated soon is not only the sad foreboding of many who are earnestly longing and watching for it, but also the expressed opinion of several consuls most familiar with the causes and antecedents of the present very deplorable status.

This morning word comes from a lovely village (Huntsorkem) one of our outstations situated on the rising shore of lake Van that a young man just in the prime of life has been cruelly murdered. The victim was at one time a student in the high school here.

A day or two ago a large

number of soldiers went to the near large village of Kovelig- for more than thirty years one of our most hopeful out-stations — Two newly made graves were opened in the search for "arms or wounded persons." Many reprehensible acts were committed - but I will not particularize. ++++

Our circle are in usual health. My Sister and I are able to do some house to house visitation We always take two stalwart men with us, select a suitable day and locality and are careful to return pretty early. We meet with some touching in-cidents as we thus go about.

There is really very much
to dishearten - particularly
poor people. Son - of them
accustomed to take a few
articles for sale to the villag
and exchange them for whe
are utterly unable to do so
now, and despairingly exclai
"Our flour bins are empty w
can not secure wheat wha
will our families do the
coming Winter".

Infinite Love is ste
overhead, though the cloud
intervene and seem to hide

I am sending your photogr
to Mrs. E. E. Strong today with the
request she send them to you
see - and then please pass to W. B.
My sister joins me in kindest regards
Yours very sincerely, Mary A. C. Ely

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Miss Mary C. Torrey

Bethel, Sept. 27, 1904.

My dear Mrs. Strong:—

On my return from a short tour in the Moosh region I found your very interesting letter written the latter part of August - mailed the 23rd — I have written a little account of the tour to Dr. Barton which I enclose. Will you please accept its perusal as if penned specially to the Ladies Board? And may I ask that a copy be sent to the dear Vermont friends - addressed to:—

Miss Mary C. Torrey,
Burlington,
Vermont.

Several families are expect
to set out on the long journ
to U. S. in a day or two
The outlook is extremely dar
but our Father reigns and
sees the end from the beginni
All things must serve H
will, and that will is alwa
right.

With very cordial greet
to you and to the Ladie
at the Rooms from Sister
self I will close. Please
accept appreciative thank
for your excellent letter
and be so kind as to
forward the enclosed
Dr. Barton —

Yours Affectionately —
Mary A. C. Ely.

Mary A. C. Ely 137 S.

Rec'd OCT 28 1904

Ans'd NOV 11 1904

Bitlis, Sept. 22, 1904.

Rev. J. L. Barton D.D.,

Dear Dr. Barton,

I am glad to have somewhat cheering report to give of a recent brief tour made by Mr. Cole and myself. It appeared best to avail ourselves of the opportunity to go with Consul Norton to Moosh, as he was setting out for the return to Harpoot. We left Sept. 13th, our party consisting of our guest the Consul, Mr. Cole, and two young men en route for Harpoot to attend the Theological Seminary there.

Cause for gratitude that we are able to send two hopeful young men where they may have opportunity to fit themselves for more

effective work in the Lord's vineya
One of the young men is a son
an early pupil of ours, the mo
long since gone Home. His father
an earnest Christian man - was
most cruelly murdered in his ow
house a few months ago. The oth
candidate was a student here
when the school was broken up b
the special troubles in '95. Later,
while on a tour to Moosh outstati
I invited him to come to Bitlis a
help my sister in the care of orp
boys. He rendered valuable serv
in this line till about three y
ago, when he married one of th
Mt. Holyoke graduates, and to
up important work at Sheikan
He is particularly glad of the
opportunity now offered for fur
study. Meantime his wife - a
competent worker - has gone,

his Aunt, also an able Bible Reader, to the large village of Kooltig. This outstation by the timid withdrawal of the preacher, since removed to Erzroom, was left without any preacher or teacher. We are glad and perhaps a trifle proud of the brave women who have now gone there, and of whose earnest efforts we have already received encouraging accounts from the villagers. They are at present alone, but we hope ere long a young man will go to teach the boys' school there.

Of our tour a brief résumé. Having been closely confined within city limits for a good many months it was a pleasure to get outside, and the roads and weather were excellent. Any misgivings that might have arisen had Mr. Cole and I been alone were largely

dispelled by the company of the Consul. Evening of the first day found us at Ayvood, a mixed village nearly half way to Moosh. The Armenians here occupy as in so many places the position of vassals to their Kooridish neighbors. It was truly distressing to listen to their recitals x x We encouraged them as much as we could.
Soon after setting out the next morning we met large companies of recruits, in all four hundred it was said. They had come from Swas, Tocat and Amasia, and had been fifty days on the way. They were a most forlorn looking set of men. As we passed on we heard that they had robbed a great many people, having appropriated by force any thing they met and had need of. On nearing the city

I noticed the soldiers' tents which covered the hill side just outside the town. These and other indications reminded us of the sad scenes which had recently taken place, and also suggested that the conflict had not really ended. We reached Marash duly. One of the first matters to which we gave our attention was to inquire concerning the closing of the girls' school there. Since there is a permit for both boarding and day pupils, and in the permit it is specified to be held in a rented house we were much disturbed that the school should have been closed. The official who ordered this measure was not in the city and all efforts to obtain satisfaction failed. Our pastor here is about to take up the case with the proper authorities, and we trust will be able to procure permission to re-open

the School.
The following day I went to Magvank, where in the evening a company of men and some of the older women met me and we had a long talk on pertinent matters, closing with devotional exercises. The striking of a "gochnag" next morning brought a large number of women to the chapel where a long service was held, and I had opportunity for extended conversations. I then went on to Derkevank, where I spent the day. The accounts given of recent events were appalling ... House to house visitation and a general meeting for the women filled the time - Saturday Mr. Cole the Moosh pastor and I went to Havadaric. It was a strange sad sight to see groups of soldiers standing on many of the conical village roofs, watching our approach.

communion services were held on the Sunday. I had two well attended meetings with the women and visited as many in their homes as our limited time permitted. The interval since our last visit had been long and all were exceedingly glad to see us. We returned to Moosh towards evening. On the Monday I went to see an aged man an early colporteur and probably the oldest Protestant now living in our station field. He is partially paralized, but greatly enjoyed talking about things of the Kingdom and seems ready to go to his reward. Other calls filled the day, and it was with regret I returned to the pastor's to pack my few belongings and to prepare for an early start the next morning

We were able to make the same half way stage we did in going - I met with a most interesting young man - nephew of our host. He inquired about the Bittis school, said he would like to come "not to learn Arithmetic" but "to learn what the doctrines held by Protestants are" &c. &c. We talked till the twilight deepened and I returned to the "oddah." It reminded me of the former times when people used to talk on religious themes, not limiting themselves as is so often the case latterly to conversation pertaining to present states &c.

On the ninth day we reached home, having been granted fine weather and favorable circumstances during our short tour.

I have avoided touching upon some matters - and the extremely sad outlook. Our circle are in usual health. With kindest regards in which Lester joins, yours very sincerely, Mary A. C. Ely

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Rec'd JAN 13 1905
Ans'd JAN 18 1905

Bitlis, Turkey.
Dec. 10, 1904.

Rev. J. L. Barton D.D.,

Dear Dr. Barton:—

Your welcome communication of Oct. 3rd was duly received, and that of Nov. 14th by our last post.

Thanks for your repeated expressions of commiseration with us in the peculiarly trying conditions which have for some time obtained in our station field. We are cheered by the assurance of the prayerful and profound sympathy of a large circle of friends, many deeply interested in the missionary

work in this land, some doubly so as being personal friends and relatives of the workers.

I have written you of the delightful and helpful visit of Dr. Norton - U. S. Consul at Harpoot. By his kindness we were able to send messages to home friends and are now receiving comforting replies.

I am glad to say that as it seemed in every way prudent I was able on Nov. 17th to set out for a short tour to near outstations. I was accompanied by a good zabtieh a faithful Armenian servant and a young teacher for one of the villages visited. I will not take time for a lengthy account of my trip

My Thanksgiving dinner was eaten in a little stone hut near a khan where soldiers are stationed. Nothing in my surroundings reminded me of the good cheer and gladness associated with the day, but I trust I was truly thankful for the many mercies of the year.

Depressed and sad conditions prevail on all sides. Undoubtedly God is working out His own grand purposes through it all, and the reign of the Prince of Peace is nearing despite the present turmoil in many lands.

We deeply regret that there is any thought of Dr. Underwood's leaving our station, at the same

Mary A. C. Ely

Bitlis Turkey, Dec. 10, 1905

time we will endeavor cheerfully to acquiesce in what may be the leading of Providence and the vote of our Mission.

My Sister is pleased that the photographs sent you July 11th are of interest. She has just handed me four to enclose with this hoping you may care to have also these caught shadows of things far away. She has all her pictures developed in Erzroom.

We rejoice in the news of the good meeting of the Board and pray that still greater blessing may attend it continuously.

My Sister unites with me in love to Mrs. Barton, and earnest best wishes.

Yours very sincerely, Mary A. C. Ely.

No. 1 A view of Kurkir Dagh. See Lynch on Armenia, Vol. II. p. 312 The mountain at the left is Nimrud Dagh. It has a huge volcanic crater. For elaborate description of this see Lynch, Vol. II, pp. 298-313

No. 2 A picture taken in the suburbs of Bitlis near the river on the road to Sert. The glimpse of houses amid trees at different elevations gives a realistic idea of the situation of Bitlis.

No. 3 A view in the outskirts of Tookh, an outstation on Lake Van, about six hours from Bitlis. A

keep at the lake is given
near the centre of the pic-
ture, between the single
tree and the group of tr
A faint outline of Nimru
Dagh is seen at the righ
of the trees in the centr
No. 4 A picture of the
little chapel or school
building at Tookh.

Mrs. Hamilton

Mary A. C. Ely. 140.

Personal.

Ass'd APR 17 1905
Ass'd MAY 8 1905
SEP 6 1905

Butis, March 4, 1905

Rev. J. L. Barton D.D.,

Dear Dr. Barton:—

As I am writing to Treas. Wiggin it occurs to me to add a few lines letting you know that your favor of Jan. 16th has been received.

Sister was particularly gratified that you were pleased with the little photographs sent. We have ordered a small collection made ready and to be forwarded to you. We are glad that Mr. Heathcote, the English Consul here, has been so kind as to prepare some pictures of Butis and send to you.

Sister Lehardette with the Butis pastor set out on

March 4th for a short tour — They went to Tookh, where there is a hopeful work going on; from thence they expected to go to Aklat villages, spending the Sunday at Dsaag and Aghagh.

It is a cause for gratitude that it was deemed quite prudent for them to make the tour. All is pretty quiet now — though conditions as to poverty, sickness strenuous tax collections &c are very trying indeed.

My Sister had a letter begun to you which she will doubtless finish on her return. The close of school term, examinations and other things crowded out considerable correspondence.

We have received word of Dr. Underwood's safe

arrival at Erzroom. It is indeed a great loss to Betts to have them locate at Erzroom. May it not be long ere we can welcome associates.

I have placed "Personal" at the top of this brief letter not because of any special subject – but because the little note is not worth any thing after a single perusal.

Our little circle are in usual health – save that Mr. Cole has been having some trouble with boils and a cold.

Desiring my love to Mrs. Barton,

I remain,

Most Sincerely Yours,

Mary A. L. Ely.

Dr. Barton,
Congregational House

Kindness of
Treas. Wiggin

Rec'd DEC 7 1905

Ans'd JAN. 2 1906

Bitlis, Nov. 8th 1905.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.,

Dear Dr. Barton:—

Thanks for your favors of Aug. 11th and Sept. 6th Addressed to both Sister and self, in her absence (she has gone to the province of Hizan on a tour) I am happy to improve a quiet evening hour in writing you.

Mr. Cole has I believe written you somewhat in detail of the recent tour we made together. We visited outstations in Aklat, Bodanik & Moush. Of the thirteen places visited, six are without teacher or preacher. Moush has a pastor; four villages are occupied by young men each being a native of the

place he is now in. The other two villages are occupied by young men from places near by.

We much regret Mr. Cale's poor health, concerning which he has written you.

Sister and I, - both in excellent health, - constantly aim to do all we can in the general work, as well as to care for that regarded as specially "woman's work."

Whenever circumstances admit and it is deemed prudent to tour we are glad to visit the outstations. Having good helpers in the high School we can one of us be absent when necessary, and 2 wives 1 often a native pastor are able to make tours as my sister is doing at this time. The native pastor is her escort and we doubt not it is helpful to him

occasionally to engage in this work.

While speaking thus of the work at large in our station field it is my desire to emphasize the need we all feel there is for Bithi to be re-inforced by another family to come as soon as possible.

School routine will be resumed the coming week - this late in the season, since we were able to take the scholars to our summer resort where they remained till Oct. 1st. This privilege of being at the hills for several months is always a great joy and blessing to all concerned. There was considerable religious interest manifested among the girls while there, which appears to have

continued, since they, though absent from the school, make earnest efforts to attend the meetings now being held.

We are hoping soon to welcome Mr. Frausen, an evangelist who is travelling in Turkey - here, and trust his special ministrations may serve to deepen the good work already begun in many hearts.

With love to Mrs. Barton, and hoping soon to hear of the Board's meeting at Seattle -

Yours Sincerely
Mary A. C. Ely.

RECD JAN 2 1906

Mary A. C. Ely
Ballard - Washington
Nov. 8 - 1905.

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Rec'd FEB 24 1906

Dear Dr. Barton:—

Thanks for the kind greetings of Mrs Barton and yourself as given by the pretty card just received.

I venture to enclose a copy of an Armenian hymn made by my Sister—with the aid of one of the Students—some years ago.

May the opening year bring much of blessing to you personally and to the Missionary cause which we all have near our hearts.

Very Sincerely Yours,
Mary A. C. Ely

Pitts Jan. 18, 1906.

Rec'd FEB 24 1906

The Altered Motto.

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Ո՞Հ, ի՛նչ ցաւ է ինձ և դառն վիշտ,
Որ ատենօք կ'ըսէի միշտ,
Գոռոզ սրտիս Տէր Յիսուսի,
"Բոլոր ինծի, ոչինչ քեզի։"

Երբ զինք տեսայ փայտէն ի կախ,
Ցոտից ցգլուխն արիւնթաթախ,
Ի նա յառեալ մրմնջեցի,
"Մաս մը ինծի, մաս մը քեզի։"

Ողորմութեամբն անճառելի,
Բուժեց, օրհնեց և աւելի.
Խոնարհելով հառաչեցի,
"Սակաւ ինծի, և շատ քեզի։"

Քան զերկինս, Տէր, սէրդ բարձրագոյն,
Քան զովկէան յոյժ խորագոյն,
Հուսկ ուրեմն յաղթեց ինծի.
"Ոչինչ ինծի, ամէնն քեզի։"

Տպագրութիւն Ա. Ծայրք Պոլսեան
Կ. Պոլիս Տիր. Ալիր. Խան 3. Ապրիլ 1888

Rec'd MAY 21 1906 144.

Bitlis, Turkey
April 21, 1906.

Rev J. L. Barton D.D.,

Dear Dr. Barton:—

Your favor of March 8th has been received and eagerly read. We note its trend and contents with glad and grateful hearts, and earnestly pray and hope that the time is not distant when this station will be re-inforced. Meantime we feel confident our missionary co-laborers at near stations will (in the event of Mr. Cole's withdrawal — whose plans are, however, not yet matured) do all in their power to help us until a family may reach Bitlis. We should exceedingly deprecate having the oversight of the evangelistic work in this station committed to any other society — i.e. the Germans.

In March I made a short tour to Moosh going by sled in precisely caravan stages and time — two and a half days — The return was easily made the same way.

My sister joins me in kindest regards and in the earnest plea that no effort be spared to secure a man for Bitlis — soon.

Very Sincerely Yours,
Mary A. C. Ely.

Rec'd JUL 30 1906
145.

Bitlis, July 2, 1906.

Ans'd AUG 15 1906

Rev. J. L. Barton D.D.,

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Enclosed please find a little report of the School for girls here.- We would like to have the Ladies of the Board see it- and will you kindly request that a copy be sent to:-

Miss Mary C. Tarrey,
Burlington
Vermont.

We are praying for and hoping soon to hear that a family has been found and will soon set out for Bitlis.

The weather is pretty warm and it is expected that the Mt. Holyoke girls with their teachers soon remove to Summer quarters on the hillside —

My Sister joins me in kind regards.

Yours Sincerely
Mary A. E. Ely.

Rec'd AUG 12 1906
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Ans'd OCT 8 1906

Bitlis, July 17. 1906.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.,

Dear Dr. Barton:—

Enclosed please find a copy of estimates for Work for Woman for Bitlis Station for 1907.

At the close of last year we found a balance left from our Bible Women fund. We deeply regret that removals to U. S. and the death of one of our Bible Women lessened the force in this department. The sum of fifteen liras the station treasurer has now

returned to the Board in accordance with instructions received concerning balances in hand.

Be so kind as to pass this information to the Ladies of the Board.

We are daily praying that the much needed reinforcements for Bithi may soon be found. May we ask that as soon as a man is found you inform our cousin:—

Miss Grace A. Ely,
Williamsville,
N. Y.

of the fact, adding time such a person would probably sail &c.

Yours Sincerely,
Mary A. C. Ely.

Rec'd SEP 13 1906 147.

Ans'd OCT 8 1906

Bitlis, Aug. 13, 1906.

Rev. J. L. Barton D.D.,

Dear Dr. Barton:—

Your communication of July 5th has been received. The statement given of "principles accepted as fundamental to all cooperation" between the two societies — A.B.C.F.M and the Germans appears wise and hopeful. We feel however that an administration carried on by two parties is not wholly assured — We earnestly hope and pray for the best.

In your recent letter you made no reference to the

new man for Bitlis — This gave us all a keen feeling of disappointment, but we wait on in hope of soon receiving the much longed for tidings.

You will have heard of Mr. Cole's decision to remain here another winter probably.

Drs. Post of Beirut have been here over a week. Dr Post Sr. arrived here in a critical condition, the trip from Diarbekir hither over the plain at this hot season proved exceedingly trying. He is now much improved and with his son proposes to set out early this A. M. for Van —

Mr Cole and I start on with them a

going to some of our
near outstations

two hours – The muleteers
are here – It is nearly
day light.

Pardon haste.
Most Sincerely Yrs
Mary A. C. Ely.

Rec'd DEC 10 1906
148.
Ans'd Apr. 24, 07

Bitlis, Turkey,
Nov. 12, 1906.

Rev. J. L. Barton D.D.,

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Many thanks for your favor of Oct. 8th.

We rejoice to learn that the Board's debt has been cancelled, and we thank and praise the Master who inclined the hearts of His people to respond to this great need. From Dr. Crawford we learn also that the meeting at the memorable haystack place was one of intense and hopeful interest. May the earnest prayers and longings of the friends of Missions be fully realized and the opening year see new and important advances all along the line of Missions.

For us in this lonely outpost, the special need; and for whose supply we daily pray-is, as you know for a new missionary. We watch each mail with expectant longing for word that these recruits have been found.

It has occurred to us that possibly the reasons for our delay in asking for a lady

Teacher for this place may not be fully understood. We have felt that the need of a male missionary here is far greater, and that with the present hard conditions it would be a most trying position for a new young lady, therefore it has seemed kind and best to defer somewhat asking for help in this department. And just here I should add that meantime we have been in correspondence with two young ladies, having some hope that one or both of them would eventually offer herself for Bitlis.

The situation here so far from improving appears steadily to grow worse and opposition to schools and efforts of a like nature to increase. Some of the reliable P. brethren are in prison. On Oct. 8th a company of over twenty from the P. community here set out for U. S. Poverty, oppression increased taxation, imprisonment, emigration are words of deepest significance, when their true import is realized.

All these things shake not our conviction or desire that this "strategic" place should

be held; but while the spirit is willing the flesh is not able to bear unaided such burdens. As we have repeatedly intimated, if our lives and health are spared we expect to hold on to the place whose sore need appeals to us most deeply, but there is a limit beyond which human ability can not endure.

In our grand and Christian country is there not some Joshua ready to come and guide this people in paths leading to the heavenly Canaan?

Dear Dr Barton, we entreat you that all diligence may be given to send out a new man as soon as possible.

My Sister has just returned from Kodiliy, an important outstation where she spent the Sabbath and part of two days.

We unite in kind regards,

Yours Sincerely,

Mary A. C. Ely.

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Bitlis, Turkey
March 2, 1907.

Rev. E. E. Strong D. D.,

Dear Dr. Strong,

Cordial greetings!

We trust letters — one written by myself Nov. 12, '06 and another by my sister Dec. 14, '06 — have reached Boston, but as the weeks and months go by and we receive no word, we are constrained to write again. Would that I could find words adequately to express and emphasize the need so deeply felt for <u>immediate</u> help for Bitlis station.

Since we have been assured that

the Board is awake to the necessity of continuing the station and will send re-inforcements we try not to be disheartened at the great delay. We trust that with the interest enhanced at the late meeting and the generous response of gifts, there may be some one nearly or quite ready to come to this most important post. Hence we make again the earnest plea that the Board will take all possible measures to hasten help forward to this station. As has been intimated Mr. Cole is preparing to leave in the Spring; it is extremely undesirable that we be left here without an American missionary:

My Sister joins me in kindest regards.

Yours very Sincerely,
Mary A. C. Ely.

P.S. Our special love to Mrs Strong whose most interesting letter of Dec. 27th I hope to answer next post.
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Bitlis, June 4, 1907.

Rev. E. E. Strong D.D.,

Dear Dr. Strong:

Thanks for your favor of April 24th which has recently been received. It was read with intense interest and altho' it appears Mr. Dietrich does not respond to the urgent call for a man to Bitlis we continue to hope and pray that some one may soon be found. Despite some discouraging features in the work and the earthquakes!, I trust the need will appeal to some heart longing to answer. "Send me" to serve in that field - I will not repeat at length here

what we have written already of the great desirability of retaining Bithis as a station. Rest assured a grand work awaits whoever is ready to take it up. The climate is delightful and healthful - For the Summer months a resort on the slope of a mountain scarcely three miles away furnishes pure air and pure Spring water. One can ride to city in the morning if needed and return at evening; but I must not enlarge on the subject but simply re-iterate the plea to send help as soon as possible -

You have been informed of the departure of Mr. Cole & family on May 22nd - Mr. & Mrs von Dobbler, our German associates also have left for Moosh, and we, sister and I, are now without

associates here - Our Leader is ever present and keeps us by His Love and Power.

We had hoped to be able to write some particulars about the series of earthquakes but it has appeared impossible. Will try for next week's post when I hope to have some photos also to send.

Many interruptions have compelled me to write hastily and briefly - You will excuse.

We deeply feel the need of the prayers of Christian friends - and feel assured also that they arise to the Great Hearer of prayer - that the King's work be not hindered -

With cordial greetings to Mrs Strong and your fellow workers from Sister and self - Yours very Sincerely

Mary A. C. Ely.

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Bittis, June 31, 1907.

Rev. E. E. Strong D.D.,

Dear Dr. Strong:—

Please find enclosed the estimates for Bittis Station for 1908 — less of course those for the Moosh part now cared for by the German Hülfsbund.

As Sister and I have called to mind the prosperous condition of the work here in early years its contrast to the present status has aroused some painful thoughts. But however sad the small number of outstations and general depression of the work, we believe the station should be kept up, and shall do all in our power to hold it.

The Coles left Bittis May 22nd, Mr. Cole said he would write the Annual Report of this station. No tabular view has been presented for several years; we regret we can not give one this season.

Permit me to renew the oft repeated mess-age: "Send us re-inforcements speedily", to help gather in the sheaves ere harvest days are over.

We watch every post with eager expectation and intense desire for tidings of the coming associates.

Slight shocks of earthquake are felt every day or two, but we have confidence the worst is over.

My Sister joins me in kind regards.

Yours Sincerely,
Mary A. C. Ely.

Rec'd SEP 30 1907

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Bethel, Aug. 29, 1907.

Rev. E. F. Bell,

Dear Sir:—

Your favor of July 17th has been duly received. We thank you and all at the Rooms for your repeated assurances of sympathy. The need of a missionary to join us in the work here is indeed great.

We know that the Master understands and cares for His work far better than we can, and leave it to Him in confidence that

He will provide.

Enclosed please find a little report of the Mt. Holyoke School. It has been the custom to send it to the Board's Secretary. Please pass it on to the Woman's Board — and the request that a copy be sent: —

Miss Mary C. Tarrey
Burlington
Vt.

My Sister joins me in kind regards.

Yours Sincerely,
Mary A. C. Ely.

Rec'd DEC 20 1907

Bitlis October 1st.

Unless help comes soon it is likely to be too late. We shall do what is in our power to prevent thh giving up of Bitlis station but the strain of present status is severe.

I am unable to writing out a proper appeal for help for the needy but the price of wheat being extremely high, and the ability of the people extremely low suffering and liability to starve look us now squarely in the face. We have never known such sad conditions before. So if you can please begin again the asking for help for this district.

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I wish to repeat and to emphasize what I wrote last mail about the need for help in this vicinity. Each day brings new and increased evidence that unless help from outside is forthcoming very grave results will follow. The need for help for the destitute multitudes is great, my pen utterly fails to portray it.

(Signed) Mary A.C.Ely

Rec'd DEC 30 1907

Bitlis, Turkey.
Oct. 29, 1907.

Rev. J. L. Barton D.D.,

Dear Dr. Barton:-

From stress of circumstances we have been unable to write you sooner, still sister and I have as far as possible followed you in your wide journeys. We noticed with thankful hearts the glad welcomes and large opportunities afforded the delegation. That you were kept from serious accident, and brought home

in safety is occasion for heartfelt thanksgiving.

May the inspiration gained from direct contact with the mission fields visited be most helpful, and the aid given by your presence long be felt, followed by permanent results.

Of the work and the workers in this remote corner of the vineyard there is perhaps little to say. You know that the Coles left Bitlis in May and that we are now alone in this center of a wide and important field.

The Van friends, Mr. Yarrow, Dr. Ussher and now Dr.

Raynolds have kindly visited us. Such visits are pleasant but do not of course supply the intense need of a resident missionary - one for Bitlis. We continue earnestly to desire and pray that some one may speedily respond to the urgent call.

My Sister joins me in kindest regards.

Yours very sincerely,
Mary A. C. Ely.

C'D MAR 9 1908

Bitlis, Jan. 25, 1908

Rev. J. L. Barton D.D.,

Dear Dr. Barton:—

Permit me by one communication to acknowledge your kind favor of Nov. 15, 1907 enclosing a copy of a letter — (Nov. 8th 1907) to the Sec'y of the E. T. M., also a letter from Rev. E. F. Bell (Nov. 29th 1907) with a copy of a letter (Nov. 23rd 1907) to the Sec'y of the E. T. M., also a copy of the appropriations of W. B. M. for 1908 with a letter (copy) addressed to our Mission Sec'y. For all, thanks.

The letter you refer to as having been written to us by you previous to yours of Nov. 15th did not reach us. We are however assured of your deep interest in the work here; we much regret that you have not seen this station fild so remote from ordinary routes of travel, but so replete in historic interest and affording so wide a scope for missionary effort.

The stress of daily routine work and innumerable interruptions leave us little opportunity for correspondence. Our hearts await with intense longing the announcement that re-inforcements for Bitlis have been found.

My Sister joins me in kind regards.

Yours Sincerely, Mary A. C. Ely.

APR 23 1908

Bitlis, Turkey.
March 9, 1908.

Rev. J. L. Barton D.D.,

Dear Dr. Barton:—

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of a copy of a letter addressed to Mr. Andrus under date of Jan. 3, 1908. The point in this communication which specially attracts our attention is the assurance that a "search" (for a man for Bitlis) "will be kept up until the right man is found". As you are aware this is a matter of great moment to this station — that a man be found, and the "right man".

Later your favor of Jan. 23rd has been received. A copy of the Report of the Deputation to China has also reached us and been read with very great interest. Had one several lives to give to missionary work, surely one would be joyfully devoted to China!

With regard to Mr. Richardson. The question naturally arises if Mr. Richardson is a suitable candidate for missionary service, why he has not applied before, or why he is not sent to one of the Armenian speaking stations

where perhaps working with other gentlemen might be more desirable than to be the only man of a station. With sincere regret we share the hesitation you mention as being felt by you at the Rooms in regard to this case.

You inquire concerning cases of our mail having been opened; doubtless this has not infrequently occurred, but proving it to be so is quite another matter. Only a few days ago I burned the envelope of a letter from Germany upon whose upper flap the marks of a blue pencil indicated that it had been opened. Many similar cases have occurred, but we preserve very few of our letters.

At present there is no English consul at Bitlis. Mr. Heard, consul at Diarbekir was here during part of the summer and autumn but returned to Diarbekir early in January. Mr. Heard assured us that he believed that a British consul would be sent here in the Spring.

The winter has been unusually mild and the snow fall much less than common, a very great blessing to the hundreds of poor people who have little or no fuel.

Last month, accompanied by the Bitis pastor I made a short tour, by sled; we visited six villages, and unable to reach a seventh owing to there being no good sled road I called the helper to the adjacent outstation. We found considerable to encourage - despite the appalling poverty which we met on every hand.
In one village four young men were received to church membership; here also several women and girls are expected to join the church at Easter. In other villages the rites of baptism and marriage were administered. A glorious harvest awaits the faithful worker in this great field. Who will come to gather in the sheaves?

School and other routine work goes on smoothly and hopefully.

My sister joins me in kindest regards.

Yours very sincerely,
Mary A. C. Ely

P.S. I see I have failed to allude to relief work, which has taken considerable of our time during the past few months. Reliable and efficient helpers have aided us in this work. Now, that so many have exhausted the meagre stores they were able to secure for the winter a list of the most needy has been made out and regular distribution begun, once in two weeks. This interval has been decided upon for a two-fold reason, one that it is difficult to get enough funds in small change to provide for the need, and secondly that by giving the stipend for this interval at one time the end sought is best secured, since it gives opportunity to buy wheat, from which a soup can be made, rather than the more unsatisfactory way of buying bread from the bakeries.

It is impossible to portray the poverty and distress existing throughout all this region. Most hearty thanks are due the kind friends who have sent funds for relief. To not a few personal letters have been sent, but there is sometimes a misunderstanding as to address. Four letters, addressed as reported when sums given were within a short time returned to us from the dead letter office.

M.A.C.E.

Circular - Jan. 1890.

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Mary A. C. Ely

Bitlis, Turkey.

May 8th 1908.

Rev. J. L. Barton D.D.,

Dear Dr. Barton:—

Your message of cheer dated March 5th was duly received and gratefully appreciated. A little later a letter from Dr. Strong brought us the confirmation of what your communication foreshadowed namely that a man had been appointed for Bitlis. We are profoundly thankful and trust that Mr. Maynard and wife are

chosen of the Master and have been preparing for this field, and the work of Bithi station.

Sister and I have felt for several years that the girls' school here called for a young lady whose special work would be in connection with the school. We have written cousins and acquaintances from whose number we hoped some one would offer herself for this position. Since however no one has thus far responded we wrote by last mail to the W. Board asking it to try and send some one here soon. It occurred to us

after writing Mrs. Strong that perhaps a vote of the Mission would be in order. But so many of the missionaries have expressed their opinion as to the desirability of a young lady coming here that we have not a particle of doubt as to the result of a Mission vote.

As the time of sailing of Mr. & Mrs. Maynard is so near we ask that <u>if possible</u> some one may be sent out with them. A young lady would not need to bring much in the line of outfit, as most of the

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sustaining us in our work here
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pletors are to return to Erzroom
Yours Sincerely
Mary A. E. Ely.

Rec'd AUG 20 1908

Bitlis, June 20, 1908.

Rev. J. L. Barton,

Dear Dr. Barton:-

On June fifteenth we sent Mr. Peet the following telegram: "Cable Boston defer answer to Raynolds' letter till Bitlis letter arrives. Ely". The explanation of our sending this message is this. Mr. Yarrow having come from Van, en route to attend the Mission meeting at Harpoot gave us for perusal an elaborate communication written by Dr. Raynolds to the Mission mtg. Pastor Lohman in a private letter to Dr Raynolds had written: "In case that for Rev Mr. Cole in Bitlis no successor has been appointed ×× we would go with our whole work away from Van # leave the whole work in Bitlis to us."

Since re-inforcements have been found for Bitlis, we deeply regret that Dr. Raynolds advocates the desirability of giving "the entire responsibility for and control of the whole Bitlis field" to the Germans." This plan Dr. Raynolds speaks of at length in his letter to the Mission meeting

furniture she would require she would find ready here. After nearly forty years experience here we simply say "Come" and trust any one answering the call would not be disappointed.

The return of our beloved associate Miss Knapp is doubtful, but even were she at some future time to come, the need of a young associate is pressing. Miss Knapp's weekly letters are a source of inappressible help and comfort to us; they have been and are a powerful factor in sustaining us in our work here. We are glad to hear that the Stapletons are to return to Erzroom.

Yours Sincerely
Mary A. E. Ely.

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and adds that he sent a letter to Boston on the subject April 27th hoping an answer would be made "at least by wire." Having had no previous intimation of the matter treated in Dr. Raynolds letter, we were greatly surprised and grieved, especially as seven weeks had passed since the letter had been sent to Boston, during which interval no allusion to this subject had been made in letters from Van to Bitlis. It seems to us that Bitlis being most intimately concerned should have had opportunity to express its opinion on a question we deem vital to its best interests. It is for this reason and with Mr. Yarrow's approval that we sent the message to Boston already referred to.

Circumstances at Van being so grave we had no expectation that a delegate from there would be able to attend the Mission meeting. Busy with routine work, classes in both schools soon to graduate, and overseeing repairs on the school buildings (for damages caused by the earthquakes) we had little time to ~~re~~prepare reports to send by Mr. Yarrow to the meeting. We wrote however a brief letter on this subject to the Mission meeting.

The fact that the Germans are already at Moosh we do not regard as of weight in favoring their occupying the rest of Bitlis station. Moosh is a city of considerable size, the center of a local government and capable of constituting a distinct field for work. Bitlis station aside from the Moosh section is large and affords wide and hopeful scope for evangelical and educational work. It is a cause for great encouragement that while emigration removes some from the field others are constantly joining our congregations, and thus the number of adherents is not materially lessened. It is to be lamented however that present conditions do not conduce to the support of institutions and native agency as formerly.

The A. B. C. F. M. and German Hulfsbund are recognized organizations for carrying on Christian work, but that their methods are different the experiment at Van confirms. We feel extremely sorry for the great disappointment of the Van friends in not being able to work harmoniously in close relations with the Germans there. Pardon us for suggesting that if the Germans are not needed at Van, would it not be better for them to withdraw to some other place, rather than to

disturb the harmonious and hopeful work in progress in the Bitlis field. Deep love for the work in Bitlis prompts us earnestly to beg that the methods used by the Am. Board be not interfered with here.

We can hardly believe that the argument for economy will have much weight with the Board should it be urged we offer to carry all Bitlis missionary salaries for two years.

There is much to encourage in the present state of the work in this field. With the coming of a new missionary a new impetus will be given, and in due time if the Master sees fit to send a second missionary, as we hope and pray He may, He certainly is able to bring it about.

We feel that this communication is very incomplete, but we hasten it on by the first opportunity. The thought of the Board's abandoning this station has never been entertained by us; and we trust will not be by the Board.

Mr. Peet, who from frequent correspondence is well posted as to the desirability of maintaining Bitlis station, has often cheered the workers here by his appreciation of the work done. In a letter dated May 8th of the present year

Peet writes: "You probably have received my letter announcing the appointment of a family to Bitlis. I feel very anxious to have Bitlis occupied as a station because I think it fills a very important position from a political standpoint and then too you have such hold upon the people there as to make it, it seems to me unwise to give up. You are doing a work the like of which is performed in no other station in the field. I think the work is deeply appreciated by both your native and foreign friends".

Time does not allow me to write in detail of a recent tour made in the Aklat district. It was a very interesting trip. Eight persons were received to church membership in two villages visited.

We review the past with humble gratitude, and commit the future to the Master's guidance hoping for grace to do His perfect will in all things.

Yours Sincerely
Mary A. C. Ely.

P. S. It is requested that a copy of this letter be sent to Dr. Clarence D. Usher, who is we hear en route for the United States - I do not know his American address - but you will have it.
M. E.

Bitlis - Turkey June 20 - 1908

Copy for Dr. Wesher

Rec'd SEP 21 1908

Mary A. C. Ely

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Bitlis, Aug. 21, 1908.

Rev. J. L. Barton D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton,

Your most welcome letter of June 11th was duly received and brought great cheer to our hearts, already full of joy and thanksgiving at the good tidings of reinforcements for Bitlis. Pardon me for the delay to acknowledge this highly esteemed communication. It is the old story of being "so busy."

The Lord has been very gracious to us during the period in which we have been the only missionaries here, and now we can hardly find words to express our glad and grateful feelings that new workers are so soon to join us. Thank you much for writing so fully of the Maynards, of their fitness for the work, and readiness to meet whatever comes.

Doubtless you have ere this learned of the great and good political changes that are in progress here. From this center we have occasion to

speak with emphasis on this point. The great concessions made by the Sultan have already begun to be put in force here, and are being carried forward most happily. I shall not soon forget the impression received by the appearance of prisoners condemned to one hundred and one years - now free to go and to do as they please.
This whole subject is one of very great importance and we feel the favorable conditions now existing can hardly be overstated.

This movement though appa
ently sudden, has we love
to recognize been arranged
for in the plans of infinite wisdom
and love. The tide of
emigration which had begun
to ebb is now rapidly diminishing.
Your communication as
to the German question has
been duly received, but
as we wrote you, June 20th
quite fully on the matter I
will not add further now.
My sister returned recently
from a short tour. We are
both in excellent health.
With kindest regards, Yours very sincerely
Mary A. C. Eddy

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Bitlis, Oct. 15, 1908.

Rev. J. L. Barton D.D.,

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Your favor of Aug. 29th was duly received and we thank you for its message of cheer.

The last few weeks have been so full that despite our ardent desire to write you, we have not found time to do so till today. Others have however written you of the marvellous changes going on in this country. The day for which many have long prayed, has at last dawned upon Turkey, shedding light and joy even to its remotest borders. The sense of freedom is keenly enjoyed, as all classes of people move from one place to another with comparative ease. People who in the struggle for life had fled to the towns, are now returning to their rural homes and looking after their farms. Others, self exiled are coming back to loved Fatherland full of expectant hope for the near future. Demonstrations of joy have found eager expression on all sides, while difference of

race and creed have been forgotten in the happy experience of a common good. The changes which have taken place are great and conditions have improved beyond what could have been expected. We are however prepared to meet some counter experiences as we move forward to improve increased opportunities for service.

You refer to our communication on the German question. We are especially thankful that this matter so far as Bitlis is concerned may be considered as ended. Under the altered conditions here, with the presence of new workers the good cause is likely to receive a fresh and powerful impetus, renewing and adding to the interest already felt in this field, and we trust culminating in such blessed results as to inspirit all interested in its progress.

On September twenty second accompanied by the Bitlis pastor I set out for a tour in Boolanik and to meet our new missionaries at a point three days distant from the city. This was accomplished and on October first the Maynards reached Bitlis.

The company some of whom went out several hours to meet them, increased in size till it reached the city. Here the new comers were led to the chapel where a short service of welcome was held. Hundreds joined heartily in expressions of grateful thanksgiving for their having come. Sister and I unite in fervent thanks to the Board for sending these new recruits here. We praise God for them, and look forward with glad anticipation to their being associated with us in the work here. They are well, and diligently studying the language, happy in the present and hopeful for the future.

The people are greatly encouraged by the coming of these new missionaries, and we are all stimulated to labor on, assured that the Lord of the harvest will grant a bountiful increase to the good seed sown in His Name.

We ask continued remembrance in prayer that we may be found faithful.

My sister joins me in love to Mrs. Barton, and in kindest regards to yourself and fellow workers at the Rooms.

Yours very sincerely
Mary A. C. Ely.

Dictio. Turkey Oct. 15-1908.

The company arrive at Nelson, August and dressed down to meet them, accompanied by Capt. Hill, it reached the city. Here the news caused very high to the colonial nature a short service of welcome was held. Thousands passed to pay the respects of patriotic thanking giving for their heavy cross. Notice was posted in prominent places to the effect for receiving the new recruits here. We learned for there, such hard journey which had entertainers to have showing appreciation with us in the work here. They are nearly, such difficulty attending the campaign in the Yukon and difficulty for the Yukoners.

The people are greatly encouraged by the coming of these new adventurers and we are all anxious to show our realization that the hard of the hardest work yet to be undertaken in the interest of the general good. We are at this time. We hope that we may be found faithful in its service.

The Doctor, and his wife gives us love to provide and follow instructions of the Governor.

Have very discouraging news from the Klondyke. Shall days distant from the Klondyke accomplished and on October first the Magnetic reached Dawson

Rec'd JUN 3 1909

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18 Mary A. C. Ely

Bitlis, April 30, 1909.

Rev. J. L. Barton D.D.,

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Many many thanks for the gift of your most excellent book:- "Daybreak in Turkey". Sister and I are reading it as we can secure the time to do so - with intense interest. We are sure it will be highly appreciated at this time, and help readers to an intelligent understanding of many things that may have perplexed them hitherto.

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Things quiet & encouraging at Bittle's

You undoubtedly have more recent and more reliable word of the late disturbances in several parts of the Empire - its capital conspicuously - than we who are so far in the interior. There has been comparatively little to trouble us here. Indeed we feel we have profound cause for gratitude in that there is so much to encourage - Poverty of course is terrible, but the prospect for an abundant harvest is most cheering - Roads are deemed safe, and farmers are diligently tilling their fields -

The girls' boarding school has a membership of forty four - the largest for several years. The presence of the new mis-sionaries here is inspiring - and we thank the Master from full hearts for sending them. They are making good progress in the language and adapting themselves to the people and circumstances here very well indeed.

We hope ere long to hear that at least one - better two - lady teacher has been found for Bitis - A most warm welcome

and delightful work awaits whoever may come — and we are watching every mail for word that some one has been found.

I have written these few lines from our Summer cottage where the Maynards and I have come up, for a few hours to superintend the planting of our gardens. It is very delightful in this fresh pure air — with many wild flowers and the singing birds. If here my sister would join me in renewed and hearty thanks for your valuable and highly prized book.

Yours very sincerely. Mary A. E. Ely.

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Mary A. C. Ely

Bitlis, June 30, 1909.

Rev. J. L. Barton D.D.,

Dear Dr. Barton:—

Accompanied by the Bitlis pastor I set out on a tour to our outstations in the Aklat and Bodlanik districts on June 16th. You will be gratified to know that we found the general conditions in the places visited very encouraging. On the first day of our trip I noticed several single travelers, and we found they

had no fear of being molested or of having their horses or other things of value taken from them. Journeying thus alone would not have been considered safe a year ago.
At most of the villages visited we learned that the farmers were sleeping out of doors, often at considerable distance from their homes, in order that their heads and flocks could have the benefit of grazing instead of being shut up in stables, as has - this year - been usual during late years.
We were told that this season

the number of domestic animals, - especially oxen to till the ground, - had been increased. This was referred to as a happy indication of the altered conditions.

I was much pleased to notice very large gardens in the outskirts of the villages. There are wide fields of vegetables such as potatoes, beets, cabbages, onions &c. also wide tracts covered with cucumber and melon vines. I have never seen in this part of Turkey a more pleasant sight than these well kept and extensive gardens, promising so much of wholesome fruit to the owners. One may rightly infer

that for a term of years past it has been impossible for the people to benefit from gardening, even had they the hopefulness to have planted them.

While journeying we often overtook oxen dragging poles, and carts in which timbers were being carried to be used in repairing houses, which in most cases had been vacated by people who had emigrated to Russia or other parts of Turkey, but who having heard of the improved conditions have now returned. The number of persons who have already returned is considerable and on the increase.

Two weeks have passed since the preceding pages were written - the delay has been occasioned by the pressure of work incident to our removal to Summer quarters, and the unexpected arrival of a number of friends. Rev & Mrs. Yarrow and little boy Miss Rogers and Silliman from Van, and the same day Miss Butlin (Mosul) and Miss Ash from Erzroom came. A party of Armenians also came from Van, and it of course made some extra

work to care for these friends. After a pleasant visit they went to visit the famous Nimrud crater, and may ere this have returned to Van. Misses Butlin and Ash are spending a few weeks in the bracing air of our camp on mountain terraces.

To return to the subject of my tour. We not only found many indications of improvement in material things, but better still an evident quickening along educational and evangelistic lines. Several village schools

which have often been closed in the summer season were being continued. In one place (Gonjaloo) besides a good number of boy pupils, nearly thirty girls were in attendance, and almost as many in another village.

The meetings and talks I had with the women and girls were, it seemed to me listened to with unusual attention. In one village the wife (one of our orphans) of a young teacher was received to church membership.

The harvest truly is great and the labarers few.

While writing your favor of June 19th has come, our weekly post having just arrived. Permit me to acknowledge with thanks.

I have just written to the Woman's Board repeating our need of re-inforcements soon.

My Sister joins me in earnest best wishes and kindest regards.

Yours most Sincerely
Mary A. L. Ely.

Rec'd SEP 25 1909

Bitlis, Aug. 30, 1909.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D. D.,

Dear Dr. Barton:—

Sister and I thank you much for your comforting message written upon the sending of the cablegram informing us of the death of Mrs. T. N. Ely of Buffalo. This Mrs. Ely was the wife of our adopted father - Mr. E. Sterling Ely, and was in many respects a mother to us. She lived to the great age of 94 and having had a useful life we may not mourn that at the advanced age she was called to her rest and reward.

Please find enclosed the school report for 1908-'09.

Allow us also to gratefully acknowledge a communication sent us by Mr. Bell dated May 7th.

The season has been very hot and sultry and we have hardly been able to meet the demands of the daily routine work.

My Sister joins me in kindest regards,

Yours Sincerely

Mary A. E. Ely.

Mary A. C. Ely

Bitlis - Turkey. Aug. 30-1909.

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Bitlis, Oct. 25, 1909.

Rev. J. L. Barton D.D.,

Dear Dr. Barton:—

Your favor of Sept. 24th has been duly received. We thank you for the sympathy expressed in regard to the inability of Miss Knapp to return to Bitlis at present. The severe strain she has been under during her mother's long illness may well have deterred the establishment of her health to some extent.

Although you make no allusion to the search for one or two lady teachers for Bitlis, yet we do not interpret your silence as indicating inaction, and we await with prayerful hope the tidings that at least one young lady has been found. In this connection I may say that a school of forty boarders, as many or more day pupils, with ward schools in several quarters present a most inviting field for a teacher. There are of course other avenues of service for one on mission ground.

The death last July of our home aunt the widow of Mr. E. Sterling Ely - our adopted father, - renders it necessary to settle the estate. As much responsibility was left to us in this matter it is desirable that Sister or I attend to it in person. Since I have urgent need in the dentistry line it points to my seeking the services of a good dentist. We are therefore sending an intercessional vote to the Mission for its approval of my going to America on furlough when it may be convenient for me.

It is twelve years since we returned from our last furlough, and although for a few weeks during the extreme heat (for Bithi) last Summer I was rather poorly, both Sister and I are in excellent health at present.

It is probable that after receiving the Mission's approval it will be best for me to set out early in the coming year, as I should hope to return in the Summer - if Providence permit -

If a young lady can be found to come back with me it would be a most desirable arrangement, would it not?

There is considerable to encourage in the conditions here at present, a great change from whats it was even two years ago. The price of wheat is ~~fully~~ scarcely two thirds of that current last season at this time.

My Sister unites with me in kindest regards.

Yours Sincerely,
Mary A. E. Ely.

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Ans'd FEB 19 1906

My dear Dr. Barton

This short note, to be supplemented many times in the future, will bring you first hand news of our safe arrival, in health and happiness, at Marsovan our home. Mrs Emrich though much distressed en route by sea and land has kept well and is regaining her strength and I must report both Mr. Emrich and myself as much delighted with the promises of happiness and welfare which even so short an acquaintance with the station has given us.

At dinner with the Dr's wife - Mrs Thom I enumerated five points on which I stake my preference for Marsovan. I should say four - for the fifth I reserved not wishing to say it just then. Shall I give them to you?

1- Situation. Wonderful, superb, magnificent !!!

2- Let me work among Syrians rather than among Armenians.

3 – Language. I'm thousand times let me study Arabic and not Armenian.

4 – This station is most up-to-date in its literature, theological and otherwise. ~~Dear~~ of all stations I have seen including Constantinople.

5 – Its workers – my colleagues take no second place in spirituality, scholarship, and good common-sense.

May I not need to revise any of these impressions thus early formed.

I must not pass without saying my sincere and hearty approval of the work of all our missions and my great pleasure at the truly splendid work they are doing. Those are long to write a short sketch on my impressions of missions in Turkey – as they come to me from Smyrna to Mardin.

Mrs. Murich joins me in the heartiest Xmas and New Year's Greetings to you and Mrs Barton. Very Sincerely

R. S. Murich.

w- Turkey Nov. 19-1905.

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Jan 7 1906.

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My dear Mr Beck

I wish to acknowledge the reply received from you relating to a special grant desired for an Arabic Lexicon and also to thank you for the kindly wishes you expressed. You have doubtless been informed of the death of our little boy Philip Melvin on Dec 28. He was just 5 mos and 20 days old born Palm Sunday April 5th. Correspondence is heavy upon us just at present and I must state very briefly a matter which I left in the hands of Dr Barton some months ago. Expecting no more need be said.

R. S. Smith
Treasurer
Rec'd FEB 6 1901
ANSWERED

My dear Sir Robert

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Our expenses have been very heavy indeed, yet not unnecessarily so. Considering all the circumstances. It is our privilege as new missionaries to have an extra grant of outfit money to the amount of 150.00 at the end of our first year. The matter was left in Dr. Barton's hands he promising us the appropriation in the first month of the financial year. Has the ~~appropriation~~ been made? If not will you kindly see that the matter is presented to the Prudential Committee.

Wish you all success in your new undertaking. My correspondence with Dr Barton has been exceedingly small. But this year I shall have more which can profitably be sent you for your reading. Very sincerely yours

A. S. Emerich.

R. S. McEmrich 166.

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UTH FRAMINGHAM, MASS., THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 19

FROM REV. R. S. M. EMRICH AT MARDIN, EASTERN TURKEY

An Interesting Letter to the People of Grace Congregational Church

IS RECEIVED BY REV. DR. DANIELS, PASTOR

Mardin, Turkey in Asia

r Friends of Grace Church:

he days which have hurried past e we reached Mardin, Nov. 14th e, needless to say, been full. (When reached here we had two dozen s to develop from which we wish- pictures to send you with this ac- t but the pictures have caused great delay and unless our outgo- post is delayed by the snow and y wind this greeting will go with- them.)

r journey of which you may have d indirectly I will pass over er briefly. We had the pleasure few hours at the Azores. How h commerce we carry on with e islands I do not know but the c in human freight between the es and our Atlantic ports is very y. Our good steamer Romanic Boston landed near to 500 uguese home for a visit. Since "White Star Line" has commenc- ouching here the city of Ponta ada has picked up amazingly they The Singer Sewing Machine is and its trail is everywhere even interior Turkey, and Mardin, in- ed, but the bulk of American s which I saw in Ponta Delgada of a cheap showy order. I must tarry to the many incidents. My man who helped me ashore from steamer had spent a number of s in 'Frisco' and way back in one he little narrow streets I was ted "Hafin' a good time?' and the ersation which ensued made it ar that he had worked eight years foundry in Boston. Such as these nothing but good to say of the ed States.

rfect weather with the customary ities on shipboard, reading, writ- shuffle board, bean-bags, and deck ng, and three days more saw Sept. 25th anchored in the bay under the shadow of Gibraltar. e East and West mingle, for the lem from across the way in North ca with the merchants from India, e with the Englishman, whose 0 of infantry garrisons the great

either East nor West is the Span- whose long contact with the Mos- in Spain has produced a different

Enter Europe by the Southern door and you are made aware at once of your approach to the Orient.

These people as we saw them in Gibraltar, Naples, and Athens are almost more Oriental than Occidental and these are the people to whom we are opening our doors today. For them America is doing much—must do more. One Portuguese carried with him as he descended the ladder to the lighter at Ponta Delgada, a good American wash-board. Much more do they carry back, some of them in ideas to enlighten the life about them.

Of Naples which we reached the 28th and left the 30th of September I wish to say a little. The natural beauty of the place is offset by the wretchedness of its people. Its poverty is noted as is also the detestable grasping characteristic of the people as a whole. Some experiences here are such as one is willing to forget. Our visit to Pompeii some ten miles away by a railroad which skirts Vesuvius we enjoyed very much indeed.

By the "Equateur" to Constantinople was a five days trip, giving us a half hour on the Acropolis at Athens, and five hours at Smyrna where we saw our first American mission and was introduced into the Turkish domain. European influence is largely felt and the difference between Smyrna and Athens is not so great. My visit here with my classmate at Hartford, Charlie Tracey, was a great treat. Another night and just before sunset we reach Constantinople, go through the red-tape and discomfort of the Turkish Custom house, and begin our ten days stop-over in the Turkish capitol.

We stopped here one week in the home of Dr. Barnum, Editor of the Armenian weekly paper which has a circulation of about 3000 in the Empire. Constantly busy with preparations for our overland journey and somewhat tired we did not see a great deal of this great city. St. Sophia, an ancient Christian church, now a Moslem mosque we visited. There through the more recent frescoing still shines in numerous places the half obliterated cross. I would you might all see this place. The great museum with some matchless treasures of art we barely scanned in an hour. Robert College, large and growing, drew our party up the Bosphoras one day and another I visited a home in one of the islands from which the city is reached by frequently plying steamers. But our stay here was richest in our acquaintance with the rare, earnest men who are serving Christ and the church in the city. For

I should count it a hardship to nd work in the rush of Constan- le, in the mingling of East and , within the sound of every rumor, an atmosphere charged with ery and dread—such is the penal- f living in the capital city—and too the work is separated not d as in the interior places in place with a large compound. But these men work and it was a t privilege to meet them. Dr. um, graduate of Yale and Union inary; Dr. Greene nearly 50 years Turkey, possibly more; Mr. Peet, served us all as Treasurer and ness agent, etc., and so on ough the list.

ut we were anxious to leave. My rt was here. my interests in Mar- in an oriental civilization, and e my real story begins, for here we e every vestige of civilization "a Franqo" unless you will push your y into shops where persistency will rewarded with silks and satins, olens and cottons, from Europe and never-to-be-lost-sight of "Singer" m America.

Should I entitle this "chapter one" a story which is to continue many apters long, through long years we ope, the story of our experiences in e land of our adoption—Turkey. es the land of our adoption, for this orning when our 'dallal' or middle- an came from the market to sell me ne rugs, in conversation he asked e "How many years will you remain Mardin?" I replied, "My whole fe, I shall become a Mardinli."

We embarked on a Greek steamer r our Black Sea trip and the view of e Constantinople dock is taken from e deck as we waited. Another taken om the deck by Miss Dewey shows u our party less Miss Dewey as we iled up the Bosphoras. So from aturday noon to Monday morning ur vessel was buffeted by wind and aves. The Black Sea is quickly con- erted from a fit place for a Sunday chool excursion to the scene of much iscomfort.

The wharf has been built but we ere landed in small boats rowing in ome distance, then the custom house gain, now the third time for we were ut through it on leaving Constanti- ople, and we begin our experience ith hotels and khans.

We left Samsome a happy party Tuesday morning, Oct. 17th. Three rabahs—Mrs. Emrich and myself and Miss Dewey following, Miss Bush and Miss Poole, the Harpootles, bringing up the rear. Our impedimenta of two wagons for baggage and road outfit had left earlier in the morning. Each arabah was packed with bags and suit cases containing all clothing and bed- ding for use on the way, the bags be- ing so arranged as to make travelling comfortable over the stony roads.

Taking with us our lunch prepared the night before we stopped some time about noon usually near a khan where the animals could feed. At five we reached a khan, rooms are selected, our travelling beds set up, made, our supper meanwhile being prepared. Supper and sleep. Easily said but not so easily done. Yes, even to sleeping, for what with passing caravans of creaking carts or camel bells, with long continued dog-fights, an occasional or semi- occasional flea-bite, not to mention the dread of worse which seldom came, even sleep was not an easy thing, and woe unto us when once the thing was done and we are nicely asleep, oh what misery to be called out at 3.30 or 4 o'clock, to pack up, breakfast and be off at sunrise or earlier, for more than once our arabhji in the early morning led his horses lest mishap shoud befall them and us in the indistinctiveness of the light before dawn.

Our journey was broken by visits at three important mission stations in interior Turkey—Marsovan, Sivas and Harpoot, of these I shall have something to say later. We were met our second night on the road by two lady missionaries of Marsovan who in their arabah had come to meet us laden with an abundance of good food for our last supper and breakfast before reaching the mission station. What did they bring? Jellies, boiled chickens, butter, thick cream, bread made in the college bakery, cookies, cake and so on. On approaching and leaving mission stations we always fared well, and so will any of you who venture into inland Turkey, for always they came to meet us and always on leaving our baskets and boxes were filled with good things for the road. Reaching Marsovan Thursday noon we were met near the city by others on horseback and by yet more on foot who were waiting to extend their welcome, and our welcome to this place and the hospitality shown us here is such as deserves and will have with us long remembrance.. Mrs. Emrich and myself were received into the home of Dr. C. C. Tracey, president of Anotolia College and father of my classmate in Smyrna. His acquaintance I had made in Hartford but now we came to know him as I wish you all might know him. Each man to his task, and his the planning for this institution which for 38 years he has fathered. More than once, indeed many times did we in this journey note with great pride and joy the splendid men who are serving our board out here and the really magnificent work they have done and are doing. I purposed writing a separate paper on my impressions of this great work but cannot pass it over now without this tribute to the work and character of Dr. Tracey. Others there are here whose names I shall mention later, names no less worthy of mention than the good Doctor's.

Here at Marsovan I attended prayermeetings of the missionaries, afternoon teas (quite in vogue in our mission stations), visited the various departments of work, swung a tennis racket on an excellent court, spoke to the students twice and preached on Sunday evening. Yet not all, for one morning I visited the markets and called on the "Mufti," the canon-lawyer of the moslems, one of the first citizens of the city.

Monday morning saw us off again for a five days trip to our second haven, Sivas, through this portion of our journey as through all, fair and beautiful weather attended us. This Monday we set out a party augmented by the new American Consul to Harpoot and his wife, these two reaching Constantinople and hearing of our proposed trip hastened to overtake us which they did at Marsovan. The Consul, Mr. Young, is young also in years like your new missionary in Turkey and coming from the west is entering upon his first Consulate. Formerly a captain of militia in the Philippines he was not unused to the discomfort of travel and proved with his young wife a pleasant addition to our number. Our train was in this manner increased by the consul's arabah, his freight arabah and two mounted Zabtiehs for safety but more I imagine to sustain the prestige of our consul and our good United States. We felt quite honored but the price of khans, charcoal, eggs, melons apples, etc., went up in consequence. Still if we have prestige ought we not to pay for it? At any rate we did, though not exorbitantly.

Our first day out we reached Amasia, noted for its fruits, one of three Californias in Turkey. Here aloft opposite our khan tower the ruins of Mithridates Castle and lower down cut in the rock are to be seen the rock tombs of those ancient kings who once ruled in Asia minor.

A stream makes the desert bloom here and many were the odd water wheels which dip the water up and turn it into channels for irrigating purposes. For two days we travel this week through long stretches of plain at this season of the year parched and brown.

In the city of Socat we spent one night in a khan, the others being tired, the Consul and I visited the grave of Henry Martyn, chaplain to the East India Company, who on his way home through Turkey died here in 1812, the same month.

Our last days before reaching Sivas took us up about 7000 feet above sea level from which height we made a slight descent of some thousand or two thousand feet into the city.

Here about two hours from the city two gentlemen of the mission, Mr. Partridge and D. Clark, brother of a classmate at Hartford met us. Lunching together we continued to be met nearer the city by the American Consul, Mr. Jewett and his attendants, dragoman, kavasses, etc. Three 'hacks' or rather barouches, the only ones I have seen in interior Turkey, awaited us. In these rode Consul Jewett and his wife, Consul Young and wife, Miss Bush and the dragoman and at a swift pace accompanied by six or eight mounted and armed men, we made an imposing entrance. Reaching here Friday afternoon, Oct. 27th we rested until Monday, the 30th. The change was always a rest, but we were not idle for here as elsewhere we looked over buildings, visited schools in session, wrote home letters and visited with the missionaries.

I must leave this for the present. Our mail is to be sent to the office at noon but may not go until tomorrow, in which case I shall have more to put in. At this moment I must stop because of a caller, who will give me practice in Arabic and to whom I owe courtesies of the country.

To you are by greetings for the new year and those of Mrs. Emrich. We wish we might see you all. Another letter will tell you of our surroundings here.

Yours in the Service of Christ,

R. STANLEY EMRICH.

Rec'd MAR 29 1906

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Mardin, Turkey-in-Asia.

Feb 26, 1906.

Ans'd MAR 30 1906

Royal

Turkey

My dear Dr. Barton -

Three months have slipped away since our arrival here and my correspondence with you has not been large - this week I wish to send the personal letter and in next week's post a letter to you about things in general connected with my own work and observations.

My home correspondence these early months have rather choked you of your share but I purpose a better distribution hereafter. And by the way ask Dr. Daniel at any time to see such letters as invite the church for much invite them. I cannot duplicate in my letters to you - unless you can persuade the Prudential Com. to furnish us with typewriters. But we are more concerned for them just now than such a gift would warrant. May this year be blessed in the attainment of the worthy objective before the Board and to Christ-ward.

No need to say we are happy here. We have not been disappointed on closer acquaintance with our colleagues. Mr Andrews and the Doctor are men whom I appreciate more as the weeks pass by. They have done the wife of the Board and my own pleasure in setting me practically at liberty to follow my study of the language. It may not be out of place to say even now a word of commendation to those who so helped me in Hartford. More I shall say later but it is not too much to say now that my indebtedness to Professor Macdonald is simply incalculable.

Without the grounding in Arabic grammar which I received from Macdonald I should feel myself adrift at sea. As it is though progress must be slow in a language so difficult I am able to feel from the beginning that I shall be master of the situation in the proper time.

But more than this, the reading of Arabic literature

with Professor Macdonald - the acquisition of his point of view I value second to none of those things my training has given me. I am in a strange country in the midst of strange sights and yet as it were at home - conscious of a mental preparation for it all.

Let this not seem to you any snap judgment. It grows on me daily. My indebtedness to my good professor mounts higher and higher and I should be last of all to deprive another of similar privilege if such were possible. They are simply invaluable privileges.

But I must leave impressions etc to next week. A matter of business hastens to the post. Much as I regret it my account with the Board shows quite a deficit on my side. I have overdrawn in all about 50 dlrs which sounds large. My plans are well made however to cancel the talk of it before Dec 31st.

and once square as we shall be early next year. Thus we shall not be transgressors in this way again. For security perhaps not necessary are my insurance policies at the Room.

The deficit has been incurred in several ways. Overrunning our outfit account in Boston - purchase of things and other expenditures on the journey and in purchasing some indispensable things for the house.

Now very recently we sent an order to Boston for a stove and kitchen supplies which same will amount to nearly $75-100.00. That this charge should go against as just now makes our account book rather black at the same time it is necessary for Mrs. Emrich begin her own housekeeping in the fall - i.e. in September.

After our first year is finished we are entitled to 150.00 outfit money according to regulations. It would give me pleasure if I could report this amount unnecessary but Mrs. Emrich

and I have been over the ground and cannot see our way clear to this. This sum however is not due until Nov 14th a year after our arrival, and meanwhile our accounts look black.

The Board is anxious to close the financial year as well as possible and of course this 150.00 appropriation belongs in next year's budget. Will the Board pay for this recent order at present and count it any debit then later in Nov. put the 150.00 to our credit.

I think I have explained now. I wish simply that the charge be made against me now and so stand but that in the states of my accounts it be understood that in Nov. there will be a grant of 150.00 to offset. Is this plain?

This however. There is left here Larkin furniture which we shall purchase of the Board amounting to between 30 and 50 which will lessen the actual

appropriation in November. The doctor will assist me in making an inventory and those I can enclose such in next week's letter.

I am much pleased that Mardin remains under the kindly government of the American Board. It would be a wrench which I like not to think about to be at once removed from the relationship with our home church and from the goodly fellowship and sympathy of our friends in the Rooms.

May such a move be less and less necessary.

My greetings to you and those of Mrs. Emrich.

Very Sincerely Yours,

R. Stanley Emrich.

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TH FRAMINGHAM, MASS., TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1906

AGAIN HEAR FROM MARDIN FRIENDS

Most Interesting Letter of Journey and Mission Field

FROM REV. MR. EMRICH

Mardin, Turkey-in-Asia
January, 23, 1906.

Dear friends of Grace Church:

To finish the sketch of our inland journey I will continue from Sivas where I closed my last account. A cold storm which ended in snow came on Sunday night and Monday a. m. as we left, the streets of Sivas were swimming in mud while the mountains around and those into which our route led were capped with snow. Sivas herself is about 4500 feet above sea level on a plain, how extensive I cannot say, but surrounded with mountains from 6-8000 feet in height. It is at this stage in our journey I believe that we crossed the water shed between the Euphrates and Halys, 7000 feet above the sea. We left as usual well-provisioned by the good people we left behind and well wrapped in our blankets for the morning was chill. Our first stop was at Tejir Khan at the foot of the watershed we climbed the next morning. These khans are usually built about an open court in which caravans pass the night and in which our arabahs were left. The better khans have two stories with a balcony overlooking its court from which balcony open off the rooms available for guests. In such khans the stables and servants rooms are beneath on the ground floor.

The servants' room is large and shall I say airy? There on two sides, one side and one end, is a long, low platform on which the men sleep, each throwing down his own "yorhan" or quilt and wrapping himself up in another. About one stove they warm themselves and cook such as they have to eat.

Tejir Khan, however, was only one story high, built altogether of "kerpitch" or mud bricks with a minimum of wooden framework and our rooms were mud walls, mud ceiling and mud floor. The Matabia Khan, picture of which I enclose was also of "kerpitch" but plastered over and provided with wooden floors and stoves.

Our breakfasts and dinners we ate together, one of our cot beds being covered served for a table about which we sat on camp stools. Our lunches we ate at noon when the animals stopped for their water and noon meal. Evening and morning after our meal together, short prayers before leaving the table.

The next morning up, up, up and finally over the crest at "Delikte Took" or Rock full of holes, the rock formation being largely volcanic. Two days we continue on somewhat level and slightly descending ground and Thursday after an ascent of 2000 feet or more in the morning we descend about noon into the plain and Matalia, where after riding several hours we reach the city, the centre of one of Turkey's fruit regions.

The cold khans of the past three nights added to a cold Mrs. Emrich took in Sivas precipitated an attack of pneumonia almost the very hour of our arrival in the Matabia khan. Inquiry was made and a native physician, Armenian, was summoned immediately. Thanks to his service and to the medical institution at Beirnt, where he was trained, Mrs. Emrich showed much improvement the next morning and it was decided that the Consul and his wife and the Harpoot missionaries, Miss Bush and Miss Poole, continue while we four of Mardin remain until Monday, when the doctor said it would be safe to go on. It is this Matabia region in which we spent these four days that later, on Dec. 4th, suffered so severely from earthquake shocks which we felt very perceptibly here in Mardin, 200 miles distant.

Monday a. m., Nov. 6th, we were off again, this time to make Harpoot the next day. Monday afternoon we had the novel experience of crossing the Euphrates.

We started out early after sunrise in order to make our khan before dark and the chill air, which comes with sunset, but when we reached the Euphrates bank and found two arabahs and other passengers, men and beasts, which had been waiting three hours and whose turn came before our own, our hopes fell.

Here we were in a country where a piastre, say two or even three to be correct, (a piastre is four cents) is a good wage, yes double it and call it six piastres for a day's wage and over across was a ferry boat idle which for two hours had refused to come across. Why? Because there were no passengers to come with it.

Our Zabtieh threatened and finally I think after thirty minutes waiting the empty ferry came over to us. Four men at the most to run it, an hour's work and the pay anywhere from 80 cents to a dollar. But this is the East. I enclose pictures of the ferry-boat which is propelled by very rude oars and which crosses obliquely making downstream to be pulled back again on the other shore.

The next day we were met half a day out by Dr. Atkinson of Harpoot who was prepared for a journey to Matabia in case he should not meet us on the road. Four hours away we saw the city, "a city that is set on a hill cannot be hid" and at sundown were met by more friends on horseback, later by yet more on foot near the city. What a winding, winding, uphill climb from the plain to the city and how glad once again to know the comforts of a home. We enjoyed a day's stay with the doctor's family, the doctor, his wife and one year old boy, Mrs. Emrich spending the whole time in bed resting until Thursday a. m. We set out on the last stage of our journey from Harpoot to Mardin, three days to Diabekir and two more on to our destination.

While Mrs. Emrich was resting I saw the work in its different phases. Schools, orphanages, medical and industrial work. Wednesday evening a social gathering of the missionaries brought us closer together before the separation of the morrow. Wednesday morning I spoke to the theological students for fifteen or twenty

tes. My visits were not exactly s of rest except as change and d comforts gave fresh strength, everywhere at each mission sta- was the work to be seen, mission- to meet, business to be trans- d and generally some speaking to one.

hannes, our arabahji, continues us Thursday a. m., toward Diabe- stopping for the night at the Lake n. After two hours of plain and a of 2000 or 3000 feet we are ted by the first expanse of water e leaving the Black Sea and no t the only one we shall see until come out in seven or eight years, ss, indeed, our annual meeting of E. T. M., should take us some year an, a beautiful lake several miles ngth but salt. A little beyond we ped at our khan. Another un- tful day, another khan and Sat- ay a. m. we begin to look for bekir and Miss Grof of Mardin sta- who is in Diabekir overseeing the ols is to come out to meet us. rday from 10 a. m. till 4 p. m. n we entered Diabekir the roads e very rough. The plain over ch we were passing, fields and ls alike were literally sown thick h lava rocks from the size of a ble-stone to a bushel-basket.

We were relieved indeed to see the k walls of Diabekir which we en- d accompanied by the dragoman he English Consul and Miss Grof ides Zobicchs and several attend- s. Through the gate and the nar- est of streets, so narrow in places our arabah passed through with ly an inch to spare, Hohannes ing his horses and finally after ing and winding about we were at the door of the English Con- te, where Mr and Mrs. Shipley comed us to its hospitality for the bath.

hese two are all alone in this city gh now we have word of a Ger- physician who is soon to come, gh I should not forget some uchin monks who came to call on while at the Consulate. We were dially wecomed here and very hos- bly entertained, urged very strong- to stay on for a longer rest but eatening weather decided us on go- on Monday a. m. Sunday p. m. isited the Armenian church and rd part of a children's concert of ich I understood not a word.

Diabekir is a walled city with walls good state of preservation. Its ls are black, made of this volcan- rock and the saying is "our walls black and our hearts are white" the racial falicy here is very ong and the condition of the peo- about as dark as the walls. More ental in its makeup, shops, streets, abitants, their dress, etc., than any the northern cities through which passed. By this time theE nglish nsulate has been rejoiced by the urn of the French Consul and his fe, absent for some time in France, om returning we met on board our eamer, Equature ,from Naples to nstantinople.

With escort furnished by the consul we made our departure Monday a. m., under a cloudy sky which withheld its rain until just as we put in for the night. No khan here but only a Kurdish house, a little larger than the ordinary village house I think. Into an enclosure our arabahs came, horses and men were sheltered below while we, a party of five, Miss Grof's attendant and our own, seven in all, spent the night with the Kurdish family in this large living room, perhaps 30 feet long and 10 feet wide. At one end a fire place. At the side a single door by which all light enters during the day. With this door closed and a dozen people sleeping here we were in close quarters and might have smothered but for excellent though insufficient ventilation furnished through holes in the wall which somehow communicate with the outside world. The height of this room was perhaps seven feet and the whole of the "kerpitch" or mud on a wooden framework

Just about worn out we slept part of the night and awoke to our one rainy day of traveling The one day was no doubt intended to make us realize our past blessings in pleasant weather. Roads worse than the plain of rocks, wind chill and a driving rain. We ate what we could without stopping. The one thing to do was to reach Mardin.

Our arabah buttoned in all around, we wrapped in steamer robes and blankets with heavy winter clothes and overcoats on, heavy rubber blanket spread over us and an umbrella opened in front. So we travelled, tossed from side to side of our arabah over roads which resemble the buckboard roads of our American forests. Outside Hohannes exposed to the driving rain but moving about to keep warm. What these arabahjis, these Zabtiehs, these Catirjes (or caravan-drivers) endure in exposure to cold and storm is almost unthinkable but they are schooled to it and seem to be indifferent to it.

So we travelled until three hours away or nearly, our mission buildings loomed up on the hill ahead. Beyond the mission buildings on the other side of the hill lies Mardin, our buildings being at the demolished city gate. Coming across the Mesopatamian plain Mardin can be seen they say three days away, which as days go here would be 75 to 90 miles and one can easily believe it. Now as we approach we see some two or three horsemen coming towards us and as we go on these become a familiar sight until the number has grown to a veritable cavalcade and what a variety of horses and riders with garments of all description, vain attempt to keep dry, these are the High School boys and teachers making their "istakbal." Nearer we come and we meet many on foot.

Now we begin the ascent and under a high overhanging boulder sheltered from the storm is a line of boys which greet us as we wait with a song of welcome in English but with accents strange. A little farther and a similar line, unprotected this time, from the girls' school greets us with "He Leadeth Me" and now we are here. The great stone house seems greater than ever though it has grown smaller in two months. We are at last in the Mardin Station near to our own home into which we moved two weeks later after two weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Andres.

We are here at last. How difficult to realize that on the morrow or surely the day after we would not start again. What a relief to unpack our bags and cases saying every now and then "Well I'm thankful we are here and that we haven't to pack these things again for sometime at least." Rain outside and a great cover of cloud and fog hanging over the plain and shutting it from our view. Not until tomorrow can we see it and tonight so tired and so contented are we that we are not even anxious to see our house nearby. Tomorrow and my next number will tell you of our home here.

With much love to you all who have been in thought and prayer following us as we made this long journey and with thanksgiving to Him who through all vicissitudes of this long journey has brought us in health and safety and in joy to this place I will bring this to a close.

Dr. Daniels has sent me a hymn-book and many minutes since it came have I enjoyed the old hymns which are so familiar to me and which so often carry me in memory to Grace church and in thought to you who think of us as we of you

Sincerely yours

R. STANLEY EMRICH.

Representative of Grace Church and the Church of Christ in the Foreign Field.

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Mardin, Turkey in Asia.
March 12, 1906.

My dear Dr. Barton:

Four months will have passed into history since my reaching Mardin and that before this time is fairly on its way. My plan for summing up the trip has not realized and in this letter I wish simply to suggest an added emphasis for any future conferences of outgoing missionaries on a certain topic headed for us by an elderly man a missionary from India I am quite sure who spoke to us in the room in South Church at our last session. His theme was the "Voice of God". It was suggested to me again and again as I came in and its value is such that it ought to go into the hands of every missionary.

We work under the disadvantage of isolation. We are shut out, unless we take steps to prevent, from the growth of the church at home. Scientific and religious thought does not progress unless we keep in touch with the homeland. Men ought to feel the necessity of replenishing their bookshelves. How can a man do his best who is buried in the thought and life of thirty or forty years ago

whose bookshelves show no signs of growth except along the line of sermons or "spiritual-food" previously digested for the mind. That is a mistake to be sure. Then too there are some who give themselves to this noble work with the deepest spirit of consecration but their minds have not had the most thorough of training and isolation means the balance needed. Some such have run to faith-cure, have left the simple gospel for a tangent of some sort. They need the balance of contact this reading with the thought and life of the home land. Missionaries and reading of all sorts — literature which relieves the tension and quickens one in his love and appreciation for humanity — news which keeps him abreast of the time and does not allow him to stagnate and yet solid reading for his mental growth. I am much pleased that the men who have been here and our brethren here now have set the standard of scholarliness and up-to-date-ness.

I am able to report myself and Mrs Emrich in good health happy and contented.

thus far our time has been given to the language. three hours a day I spend with a Mosleem teacher. Some expense is entailed. Mr Adams and Dr. Thom are exceedingly considerate of my time and have left me perfectly free for study but at present I am limited to three hours a day with a teacher. This study will be kept up until a year from this fall when possibly I shall be made head of the High School but I am anticipating. At present my only point is this - With another year of study ahead would it be possible for me to have a teacher as much as I want say five or six hours a day if necessary. I am convinced I can progress more rapidly can claim more immunity from interruption if I have a teacher where now I work by myself. These opening months are valuable in the extreme. The present expense is being met from other than the Board funds - Will the Board make it plain that I can have a teacher what time I desire to use one. I am making progress but I want to waste no time that now my foundations

may be securely laid. A teacher costs from one to two piasters an hour. This is not a suggestion but if you desire you can lay this matter before my father and Dr. Daniels. If the mission or the Board cannot meet the extra expense they might know of some way to meet it. The whole of it is this that now when time is precious I wish the best instruction and as much as I can use. It makes little difference to me what has been done beforehand. I desire the very best for my preparation in the use of this language. Let you understand of course that this includes no intimation of fault with the station here. They have done what seems to them all that is necessary maybe. Perhaps you will write me personally about the matter.

Let me close this letter now and add more another week.

Very sincerely yours,

R. Stanley Emrich.

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MARDIN LETTER

Prof. J. Hasheesh Writes Mr. Rogers

HE HAS TAKEN UP ENGLISH RECENTLY

Letter Associated With Rev. and Mrs. Emrich

The following letter was received by Mr. A. N. Rogers, Jr., from Prof. J. Hasheesh of the preparatory department of the Mardin high school, and is intimately associated with Rev. R. Stanley Emrich, the missionary of Grace church.

When we recall that Mr. Hasheesh could not write English at all at the time of his graduation from the high school in 1899, his present attainments are commendable, though many expressions are in the Arabic idiom.

Mardin, May 17, 1906

My Dear Mr. A. N. Rogers, Jr:

In a pleasant hour I received your letter of Apr. 4. It took 32 days to reach me. I was much pleased to get an answer so soon, and I thank you for it very much. You have made me very happy by the information of your country. I read your letter several times and each time I became more interested. I looked at the map for your town, South Framingham, but I couldn't find it. I found Boston which is the Capital of Massachusetts, it is 42.20 degrees N. 71.3 W on the map of the United States.

Our city, Mardin, is found on the map of Asia, about 44 N. and 34 W. under the vilayat (country) of Diarbeker. It is situated on a high mountain; the streets are narrow and not very straight, many of them are steep, and three are nearly straight running from the west toward the east through the city whose length is about a mile and width about half a mile. Its front is toward the south and the light of the sun is upon all the houses from morning until sunset. It is a fine place to observe the plain which is in front of it, the stars, the low hills which are around us, the clouds, and the mist which often can be seen on the plain.

The weather was very wet this last winter especially in April. We have always been looking for sunshine. The surface of the plain is now of a very beautiful green color. I have not seen the sea, but those who have seen both land and sea say that the view of the plain is more pleasant, and that because of the changing, i.e. in every season the plain has a different color, and sometimes several colors.

We have no streams nor any lake or pond, but our water depends on the rain that comes in the winter and spring. Every house has one or more cisterns to gather water which comes down from the roofs. Beside the cisterns we have some springs which nearly fail in summer. These help the people who have no wells. We have no occupation that needs much water except the art of dyeing, The dyers take the spun, or unbleached cloths to the fountains which are outside the city.

Two years ago, in Midyat, a town bout 32 miles to the east of Mardin, a want of water has been happened, that they had to go 18 miles on foot to bring water. No fountain can be found in that town, and that time the water was dearer than the bread, high in price, some men said that when a family washed its clothes, it had to send the dirty water to another family to do the same thing, and so when they washed their bodies. Our water also was little, but not like that; we had to go, by night, with our jars upon our shoulders and bring the water from the fountain, about one mile from the city.

With us, no artist can be found working by a machine, but the tailor, all others have to work hard, and by hand. We have shoe-makers, blacksmiths, weavers, gold and silversmiths, saddlers, farriers, potters, butchers, sellers of provender, bakers, builders, candy-makers, cobblers and some others.

There are about 1000 shops or stores. The fare of rent of one shop is from 5 piasters a month up to one Turkish pound, and nearly all the stores are of the same size in market and the streets are very narrow. The strange merchants who are with us now are from different parts of our empire; they trade with out native merchants with wool, samen (our fat), skins of camels, sheep, cows, and oxen, almonds, galls (a kind of oak used for painting skins)' sheep, cows, horses, Mahleb (a kind of cherry or plum), and dry pear (fruit).

This year everything is very expensive, that we have fallen in distress. I shall make you a list which will show you the difference between the last year and this year.

Conjecturally, we say, that Mardin contains 5000 houses, and the population is about 65,000 people. One half of this number is Mohammadans, and the other is Christians.

These Christians are divided into 6 parties, New Armenians, old Syrians, Syrian Catholics, protestants, Caldians, latinians, and some blymouths.

Our congregation is about 350 in number. The chuch members are now about 150. During these last ten years, 24 families have left us, and those who have gone, left upon us a heavy burden, both in paying the taxes of the government, and the wages of our pastor, teachers and the servant of the building. Besides these wages we gather up money for our poor, for the work in Kudistan, for the Bible Society, and for other requests which come from other borders. The whole amount, for a year, is about 100 Liras, and the most families are poor. We have 4 or 5 rich families, and these also do not give as it is required.

In Dec. 1905, a pious preacher, named Mr. Franson, visited us, and through him, as an instrument in the hand of the Holy Spirit, he revivled the church members and many others. About 80 were converted and confessed that they were sinners and they have found the Savior who washed and cleaned their sins through his precious blood. Satan, as usual, used several means and excited severe quarrels mong some of our young men and few of our church members. We used every mean which was possible and by our Lord's help, every thing is now silent and quiet. Will kindly pray for our church and ask your pastor and the church members to pray for us, too. And I hope that you are praying for our young men's Society whose name is "The Praying Society." The number of the active members is now 35.

The schools in Mardin are more than it is necessary, because the natives, being in such wanting, are unable to send their children to be learned.

There are no sufficient means to make the parents desirable for sending their children to school, I mean if they put them to be educated for several years, after spending so much time and money, they cannot find any suitable place or art to get their live.

There are many irregular schools for both Christians and Moslems children, but the regulars are few. The best education is in our protestant schools. Our High Department is called the first and the best in this country.

The course of my school, Preparatory Department, which has the nearest connection to the High Departments is two years and four of the High Department. This year we have 7 students who will finish their course and get the certificates of the school. I hope some of them will be good helpers.

Our vacation will begin on June 21. I hope, if God will, I shall be able to write more. There is a thought that the teachers of our High and Preparatory Departments will visit the schools in the field of Mardin, during the vacation, perhaps I'll be one of those who will go, and if it will be as I say, I shall have many things about the villages and towns around us and about the congregations.

I think the earth-quake at San Francisco happened on April 18 and we heard the sad information of its destruction on April 20, just two days after the event had occurred. We are very sorry for such a damage. Now by the lettes and the newspapers we read the awful words about those despairing souls. May God help them and comfort them.

We have collect some money from our friends and students and gave it to Dr. D. H. B. Thom to send with their help. We hope our Lord to accept this little gift as he did with the widow's. Last year we had an earthquake, lasted 10 minutes; we were in great fear, because we never saw a strong shake like that and our houses are built of stones and lime, that the ceilings also, of three, four stories, are made of stones. If the earthquake causes our houses to fall down no person can be saved inside the doors.

I haven't any suitable present to offer now to you, but my photograph which you find enclosed.

I know that you will find many mistakes in my writing, especially in combination. The most sentences are combined according to the Arabic idiom, and, of course, the expressions will not be so interest to your taste.

On June 21, 1899, I got my certificate from the High school, and I remember that at that time I was unable to compose an exact sentence.

During three years, when I was teaching the boys of our community, I had no mean to learn or to speak this language, but when I was moved to this school I got another idea of which I shall tell you in the future if I saw that my thought will go from thinking toward the action, and therefore, I am still studying with Mr. A. N. Andrews and I hope by practice I shall get better.

On the next page you will find a short table of which you can understand the value of some food, fruit and things.

With a great respect and greeting to yourself, I remain,

Yours sincerely

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FROM REV. STANLEY EMRICH AT MARDIN

Interesting Letter Reaches Framingham Friends from Far East

TELLS OF THE CHURCH IN MARDIN FIELD

Another interesting letter has reached Framingham friends from Rev. R. Stanley Merrill Emrich at Mardin and is given herewith:

Mardin, Turkey in Asia

Dear Friends of Grace Church:

With so many things waiting to be told I must begin even though as yet I am only partially informed. This time a few words about the church of Mardin. About a half mile walk through narrow stony streets and we turn into a typical Mardin doorway perhaps 8x4, arched with stone and closed by a large door covered with sheet-iron. Like all Mardin this Court and building face the plains to the south. To east, west, north and south stone buildings, one and two stories high, the city, with a minaret rising above them 200 feet away. On the west and north of this square is our chapel, not our church, for no Christian church may not be within 100 yards of a Mohammedan mosque. In the angle of this L shaped building or northwest of the court is the pulpit the men occupying the westside of the chapel, the women the north, each being practically in seclusion from the other—in a country where seclusion is custom, and custom law. Entering with the men to the left I made my way up a narrow aisle in between rudely made wooden settes seating each four comfortably, without cushions, until I reached the very front where on the right are reserved three seats for the missionaries with cushions, I am glad to say. If you remember the seat I used with my mother in Grace church you have exactly the relative position, but here the centre aisle will hardly admit of passing and is the only aisle. The men's side of the chapel is long and filled entirely with settees. Only a part of the women's side is so filled the rest sitting on the mats of the floor, facing the pulpit.

In front of the pulpit an organ, on either side bare benches with no backs which Sunday after Sunday from eight to twelve. The pastor may occasionally pause in his sermon to speak a word to them but setting on their uncomfortable benches what wonder—strange they are as quiet as they are. But how these youngsters can sing! Enjoy it? Of course they do, the walls ring with a ring of enjoyment. This morning as I pass down the aisle all are singing. If church is an hour after sunrise the year round (just now at 5.34) it is because the great mass have no watches or clocks and sunrise and sunset are the only sure times from which to reckon. As it is many often reach the chapel ten or fifteen minutes early and the custom is to sing until the pastor rises to begin the service.

of bare white walls. This lack of interior decoration has won the approval of the Moslems whose religion is a religion of the book and who abhor everything which suggests idolatrous worship. This last I had heard before coming to Mardin but since coming have had it from the lips of a Moslem, this being the case stained glass windows and the like will not have much place in the Protestant churches of Turkey.

The pastor is a pretty able man and a man whom I expect to appreciate with the close acquaintance which years will bring. His duties include the missionaries and a call from him after the birth of Philip Melvin made me feel that even here we have one who considers us one of his flock. But to return to the church service, there remain two features not common to us. Looking around you see quite a number with note-books taking down the sermon in its heads. It will hardly do to repeat here you see. Then, too, in the midst of the sermon the pastor will call for scripture passages and from among the men will rise some one to read,, perhaps a grown man, perhaps a ten year old boy. Sometimes in this way twenty or more passages of a verse or two will be read, for the sermons are thoroughly Biblical if anything.

There is no "taking up" of an offering but one may sit over against the 'box' as Christ did and see the people casting in their little or much. Of these there are two, one for support of the church, one for the poor. If an especial plea is made for the work in Kurdistan then one of the church men will at the close of service be found standing by the door with a cloth in his hand into which offerings are placed.

I have never counted the congregation but the building is often full and must seat five-hundred, a few more or less. The ventilation is through doors and windows on the court sides and in all seasons is far from sufficient. In winter the place is heated by two small stoves and animal heat. The floors are of stone and in that season cold.

Communion service comes regularly (or is so appointed) according to our own custom every two months. Once this winter, however, when a serious quarrel was on between two men of the church, Communion was suspended for a settlement of the difficulty, this accomplished, broken ties were cemented again about the Lord's Table. The pastor can be very plain in his preaching and the people being simple and childish can accept much

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Now this singing is wonderful, the hymn book in use printed in Beireat is more than three quarters our own hymns translated into Arabic but each one gets its own twist and becomes hardly recognizable on first hearing. The difference , however, consists in a flatting of certain notes so as to produce a minor effect, which minor strain dominates absolutely all of their own music which is very scant (to my knowledge). Added to this is a straining of men's voices, for all sing the air, a nasal effect, and a use of the throat which I think is somehow connected with the rough gutterals of their language. The effect is not pleasing but both Mrs. Emrich and myself are proving that the difficulties in the way of good singing are not insurmountable and tomorrow the graduating classes of the High Schools, the girls under Mrs. Emrich and the boys under myself are going to do fairly well in singing at their graduation exercises, simply carrying the air. There is only one way in which one proves useful. The little one has is worth something here and I hope little by little the singing in the church and elsewhere among our own Protestant Community will improve.

The service begins with a hymn followed by a short prayer, scripture, a long prayer, and another hymn, then the sermon and benediction. Simple but not so short for the sermon will be anywhere from thirty to fifty or fifty-five minutes long. The service is bare and not once even for the hymns does the congregation rise until the benediction is pronounced I hope that something may be done as years pass to enrich the service.

The pastor is a man of between fifty and sixty. When Mr. Williams the pioneer missionary came Iskur Hodaias was a boy and later he left his stone cutting trade to study with Mr. Williams. Mr. Williams belonged to the generation at least two if not three removes from us and the traces of his work are clearly seen in the pastor's style of preaching, which is no doubt admirably suited to simple people. The scheme never varies one, two, three and so on to the tenthly followed by a summary. The barrenness of the service is old New England too and in the early days of work here had its advantages. The old churches here are a mass of ritual and a lack of instruction. To make the distinction clear instruction with us has been emphasized and ritual neglected. The pendulum went to the extreme. Time will restore a better proportion. The native churches are decorated with images altars, pictures, frescoings. The Protestant church worships in a building [illegible] heat. The floors are of stone and in that season cold.

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But I have been telling you about the morning service. The Communion service displaces the Sunday School which comes two and a half hours before sunset. At the noon hour a meeting of church members for an hour, after Sunday School the young men's society meets for another hour. During the week Tuesday afternoon one and a half hours before sunset meeting of male church members. Thursday at the same hour a similar meeting for men and women attended regularly by the boys and girls of the high schools. Wednesday at noon in some house there is a woman's prayer meeting which is now in one section of the city, now in another, to reach new people. Now the bulk of the story is told. Would you like to stand in the angle some day and look this way at the men who wear the fess and that way at the women with the ghuttas? Only men speak or pray in public and only the one praying removes his 'fess.' Does the hour of mid-week services make you question? So it did me at first. But time is nothing here and all shops close early, furthermore to be out in the evening is not always wise especially in certain places. Violence is not exceedingly common but sad things happen and there is practically speaking no redress.

A moment only to speak of some conspicuous gains. The Protestant Community stands for something and among many is accorded its proper standing. Older missionaries who know the old churches and the former condition of these can speak of the spiritual gains. But of these the majority listen with intelligence to what is said. The man of the street could understand not much more than a fourth of what is said. There are many who can read and write and understand all that is said. So knowledge of the Bible gives impetus to study of the language and is raising up a generation of more educated.

But more at another time. Longer acquaintance will enable me to tell you much more than this I hope. Mrs. Emrich writes with me in greetings to you one and all and in thanks to those who have from time to time given us the pleasure of hearing from them.

Yours in Christian Fellowship
R. STANLEY M. EMRICH.

Beques,, June 19th finished the 25th

for this letter is the action of the station at their meeting of Sept 26th. It is the Station's request that a sufficient sum be appropriated by the Prudential Committee for the purchase of Lane's Arabic-English Lexicon, than which there is none finer, for the general use of the station. An appropriation of $50.00 would cover the cost and it is the request that the sum be credited to the station, the purchasing to be done from this end.

The necessity of these volumes I would have to my professor Professor Macdonald to whom Professor Bennett-Coles Easily spoke. The dictionary is a working-tool hardly indispensable to scholarly work of the highest sort and ought to be at hand for reference. The expense is almost too great to make it a bit of personal property otherwise I should buy it myself.

I shall be disappointed if I learn that the 100,000 fund has not been reached but I am however convinced that the campaign will have fruits extending over a time of many years.

I trust you are in good health and I wish you the greatest joy in your work —

Yours Sincerely

R. Stanley Faurich

Dec. 28-1906

HOLIDAY LETTER FROM MARDIN MISSION FIELD

Rev. and Mrs. Emrich Get Accustomed to New Sights and Sounds

FORMER AMID SHOWER OF STONES THROWN BY BOYS

(BY REV. STANLEY MERRILL EMRICH)

Mardin, Turkey, Nov. 19, 1906.

Dear Friends of Grace Church: Our post is so long in reaching America that I begin early not to be late. Under separate cover I am sending a set of pictures, some new, some old, which I wish kept for the church, or rather for you all. To this I shall add from time to time as I am able. At present I have home 20 or 30 new films, but paper has been so late in reaching me from Constantinople that I cannot get them ready now.

Dr. Daniels' last letter, with calendars enclosed, reached us last week. We are always glad to see them. We shall celebrate Christmas with you Dec. 25, but also again, in some instances, with the Syrian church, which adheres to the old calendar, 13 days behind our own. I wish some of you might change places with us a few hours then, or any day.

New Sights and Sounds

One quickly becomes accustomed to sights and sounds. The newness wears off speedily. Here we are in the life of Bible times. Yesterday we studied in our Sunday schools the lessons of the "Paralytic healed by Christ." You see we are almost a year behind.

In studying the lesson I was reminded of the distance between you and our life here. Here in my Peloubet's Notes, which I wish very much to thank somebody for, and not only I but others in the station, I found a picture of an oriental roof and another of an Oriental bed.

Here are the roofs all around us and more than once I have slept on the beds of dosheks, which are really very comfortable.

Rolling the Roofs

In rainy weather the roofs are rolled quite frequently with a round cylinder like stone, with a hole, bored through the middle, and altogether much like a lawn roller such as I have used at home.

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Calls of Consolation

This morning I made my first call to offer consolation to our cook, Saeed, who has just lost his wife. We passed into the house and then separated, Mrs. Emrich and Miss Fenenga sitting at one end with [illegible] bers of the family. Between this man and Mr. Andrews there has been for ten years a very close friendship owing to the stand the agha took at the time of "the happening" ten years ago. He it was who exerted a great influence in keeping the Kurdish tribes of the city from joining the plundering tribes without in a sack of Mardin. They gave their aid to the city and the attacking Kurds gave it up.

Hooted By Boys

But this letter was to carry you all the Christmas greetings of your missionaries in Mardin. We would gladly a thousand times gladly spend one day with you but we shall be thinking of you all especially I myself as I remember the many Christmases in Grace Church. Today is third and last day of the Beiram (Moslem) feast, Ramadhan fast ending last Friday. Such feast days are always occasions for the vicious element in Islam to abuse and treat contemptuously all Christians. Yesterday passing the markets we were hooted and received a shower of small stones from a crowd of boys.

One boy of about fifteen stepped in among the girls' teachers who go to the Sunday school with us and interfered with the line. When he passed me I struck his head not to hurt him but only to crush his fez. My impulse was to strike him severely but as it was I did more than I shall do another time I think. In their eyes Christians are dogs and such treatment is what these boys are trained into by their surroundings. They are to blame yet much that they do in ignorance and the right attitude is that of Our Master. "Father forgive them for they know not what they do." One longs to see the kingdom of Christ here and the promise of Christmas tide fulfilled. May God bless you and us one and all and refresh us in the Christmas season.

Yours in Christ's service
R. STANLEY EMRICH

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Calls of Consolation

This morning I made my first call to offer consolation to our cook, Saeed, who has just lost his wife. We passed into the house and then separated, Mrs. Emrich and Miss Fenenga sitting at one end with the women and I sitting at the other with Saeed.

At home at such a time we usually keep away unless most closely connected with the sufferer but here all come and sit and sit for hours oftentimes. This happens the second and third days, the burial always occurring the day of death. One is at such a time, as at all calls, served with coffee if in winter or sherab if in summer. As we left, the priests came, for he is a Catholic, and there may have followed a service of some kind. While the principles for which we strive and our methods differ considerably and fundamentally, I am glad to say we are on excellent terms with the officials and clergy of all the ecclesiastical organizations in the city. It has not always been so but united, impartial effort towards relieving a great suffering some years ago, in the time of famine, knit all these together in a brotherhood of humanity, irrespective of religious differences. So now, when riding in the city, no matter whom I meet in priestly garb, be he Catholic, Syrian or Armenian, I always salute in Oriental fashion and am saluted in turn. In the East the rider always salutes the one on foot, and the greater of rank the lower.

Distinction of Rank.

Distinction of rank some times causes a little uncertainty. This is the country where the man at the feast should do as the master said and take the lowest place until he be invited to his proper place by the master of the house.

Our ordinary salute is a graceful, sweeping motion of the arm which carries the arm to the chin and then to the forehead. The more elaborate is the carrying of the hand from the feet to chin and forehead. This latter signifies the bringing or lifting of the feet of the one saluted first to my chin and last of all to my head. This meaning I suppose is also applied to the former salutation abbreviated through frequency of use.

How Friends Meet

I was quite astonished I assure you when walking to service with Mr. Andrews to see him stop suddenly open wide his arms and later embrace a big "agha" (Kurdish) who walked into his open arms. Once together the arms clasp around the body of each party and a mutual kiss is bestowed first on the right and then on the left I believe. This I believe is the 'holy kiss.' It is reserved for closest friends and mem-

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ion will be assigned to Fort Banks d the third major will go into one the inland fortifications. See over

The Second Plum

The other military plum has been cked by the 1st and 2d Corps of dets. Unless the plans go wrong th of these organizations will take trip to Jamestown in August and rticipate in the Massachusetts day atures.

The calendar, so far as can be de-ed now, provides that the corps tst artillery, Col. Nutter, will join e regular forces in the forts of ston and vicinity supported by the th infantry, Col. Oakes, on July , for a week.

Tours at Framingham

On the same day the 1st brigade, rig.-Gen. E. P. Clark, consisting of e 2nd and 6th infantries, will en-mp at Framingham for the same riod ;to be followed on Aug. 3 by e 2d brigade, Brig.-Gen. J. H. hitney, consisting of the 8th and h infantries, for one week.

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WHY ENGLISH IS TAUGHT

Rev. Stanley Emrich Answers the Question

IN OPEN LETTER TO CHURCH FRIENDS

Great Desire Everywhere to Learn the Language

(By Rev. Stanley M. Emrich)

Mardin, Turkey, April 2, 1907.

Dear Friends of Grace Church:

Last year sometime I had a very interesting letter from Mr. Hart which I answered at the time. An appended list of questions I could not answer. These question were concerning the natural sources of the Country in soil, rain fall, and waterpower and the occupation of the people, their living, and the opening for Yankeepush. My language study has confined me to much to permit me to speak even yet as I would like to speak on these topics though I purpose now to begin. But if such questions require time how much more is necessary to study the work, its possibilities, the people and their characteristics to pass judgment on methods and lay plans for one's own work. See over

Some Questions Answered

Some questions, in mind when we reached here, are settling themselves and with a great deal of reserve and qualifying I can say somethings now with regard to the actual condition and promise of our Mardin work. Long before coming to the field I had heard of the importance of an open mind, patience and the suspension of judgment until experience among the people should teach —and such advice was all well-given and has been kept in my mind continually in these months in our new home. Some of my ideas have changed; some have only grown stronger, but through these months I have sought the attitude of the learner from those [illegible]

[illegible] other methods than [illegible] used the choice shall not be made in haste but in deliberation, and shall be the result of observation and experience.

Educational Problem

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STATE TAX OF $4,000,000

A state tax of at least $4,000,000 onfronts the legislature. It may be pt down to that amount, but the hances are that it will be in excess

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As I now see it, we are in our Educational work under the necessity of not only maintaining our present English courses but of strengthening them. When first here, and finding heavy courses in both Arabic and Turkish required, (and the reason for them is apparent —Arabic is our tongue and Turkish the government language—) I found it hard to see the benefit of a likewise four years in English. This study of languages cuts into the regular courses of the High School which are exceedingly important here owing to the pitiful weakness of the lower schools which send boys to our schools, Preparatory, two years course and high school, four years, with next to nothing for preparation.

Demand for English

There is a great demand for English by our students and a great desire everywhere to learn the language, so that on one side it constitutes a drawing-card to students who thus come under the school influence for good, while if we were to cut it to a minimum, in the school, we should doubtless lose largely our present standing in this section of the country where we work.

The real reason, however, lies in our dependence upon English for higher study. From this school graduate the young men who are to be trained for the ministry. But our theological books in Arabic are few and antiquated. Every other theological class of which I know in Turkey studies in English, using English text-books and books of reference and the latter are indispensable. A missionary can teach the bible and theology but it is not exactly for the best that our students be confined to our opinions solely. They should have opportunity to read and think. Let all the Arabic books available represent but one side, one school of theological training in America, and are, at that, old and out-of-date, little translation being done in late years.

English Text-Books

But not only theological text-

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VISIT TO OUT-STATION

Description by Rev. Stanley Emrich

PREACHER AT DERIKE GETS $76.80 A YEAR

Is Enthusiastic in the Work and is Achieving Results

(By Rev. Stanley M. Emrich)

Mardin, Turkey, May 22, 1907.

Dear Friends of Grace Church:

A spring visit to one of our out-stations is indeed refreshing. The barren hills become green, the vari-colored rocks adding to their beauty, the valleys a garden of gorgeous red, butter cups and flowers of more delicate tints, the trees just putting out their fresh green foliage, some of them rioting in blossoms, these and other changing scenes are a feast for the eye and heart. In a westerly direction nine hours in the saddle, through valleys, over a small plain between two mountain ranges, a gradual ascent and a thirteen hundred foot descent in tortuous procession to the level of the great plain which fronts all this plateau on the south, and we have reached Derike, out-station of Mardin.

Approach to Paradise

On the south base of the mountain facing the plain, surrounded on east south and west by large groves of olive and gardens of fruit trees, Derike with its running water, bursting from the mountain on either side in a veritable stream cooled by the mountain breeze in summer, is for the Eastern mind a near approach to paradise. Water truly maketh "the wilderness to blossom as the rose."

Derike is built on the sloping base of the mountain, house above house, like Mardin, her stone walls presenting a yellowish front to the plain. The great olive orchards were planted in olden days by monks who gave the name to the place, "der" meaning "monastery" but in the many changes which have taken place Moslems now are three-fourths of a village numbering about two thousand, mostly Kurds. The bulk of Christians are Armenians, this being one of two out-stations in our care where Armenians are found..

There are a few Syrians some true to their old faith, i. e., Jacobites; others become Syrian Catholics and cared for by a single priest. The Armenians are in three classes, the old, loyal to the old Armenian church but at present without priest or school, left completely, the Armenian Catholics, and the Protestant. The old churches have little spiritual life.

Description of Community

But to tell you a little about our own community. The preacher, a man of forty, when I asked his age answered "Khawaja,, it isn't written but there are some forty." Not to know one's age is very common here. He has been here five years, using the Kurdish and Armenian. Arabic is little used in Derike, but the preacher understands well enough to translate, though he speaks most ungrammatically. Tall, gaunt and homely, is he, I think, easily the most spiritual minded man I have seen since reaching Mardin and you will be rejoiced as was I at learning of him and of his work.

Five years ago he was sent by our station to Derike, and was told by Mr. Andrews, "Derike has been a disappointment to us. We are sending you there as a last trial. If you fail us we shall withdraw our work."

As we approached the village, the day of our coming, some twenty minutes out we met some of the brethren who accompanied us in. Three days had they come out expecting us and this last day their hopes had nearly fallen.

Yard Crowded With Men

On the morning of our departure a week later, our hosts house and yard were crowded with men, women and children on hand to bid us Godspeed, and the men en masse followed us a quarter of an hour, where the preacher offered prayer and we separated, each in turn shaking hands. The preacher being ill and needing the doctor's treatment, returned with us to Mardin and after the separation we rode on silently a while. Soon a song was on his lips, and later as I dismounted and walked beside him climbing the rough mountain path, he broke out "How happy I am!" and continuing "This could not have happened five years ago, then they would not have come out with us as today. When I came no one but Shemmas (Deacon) S—— would offer prayer and now— well, you have seen. Mualkin E——went away with his salary unpaid. That is all paid and all of mine. When I came and visited the homes, my presence was invariably an occasion for talking about neighbors. Three years ago we left that and now thank God, the church is growing, progressing."

I wish you could see this man so intense and devoted to his work. He is a praying man. Never a visit but a prayer. Hardly can he ask a blessing without remembering his work so dear to him. Starting out for a ride, the day after our return home, we came upon him with friends. Stopping we talked together, when suddenly his face changed as he gripped my hand and said "Khawaja "we love each other already and I love to hear him say it—"Khawaja you won't forget Derike, pray for the church." This is the man who told me he passed restless nights for nearly a month because his anxiety for his work was suddenly put to a trying test.

Very Small Salary

This man has a salary, as preacher, of $6.40 a month, of which the people pay $3.60, the American Board $2.80 or $33.60 a year. We ought to have many people at home who would support yearly such as these.

The work of the Boys' High School, is to turn out young men trained for such work and consecrated as this worker in Derike. This school comes under my care in a few weeks and you friends of Grace church will have opportunities for helping the work of the kingdom here.

One need which has come to me very forcibly is represented in this earnest preacher. In five years he has had no new books. Each week he sees a small American paper loaned him by one of the people and this constitutes his new literature. These men cannot buy new books on their salaries and we cannot raise their salaries.

Boys coming to our schools cannot buy text books and leaving carry none with them. They cannot even review old studies to say nothing of advance. The remedy lies in a circulating library and $50. would be a good nucleus for a beginning.

Arabic books are few and not up to date but the anticipated introduction of English will make our future graduates capable of using English books which we can more easily supply the circulating library that is to be. This idea, put into practice by every father for the home missionaries of Massachusetts, will sometime be realized for the self-sacrificing home missionaries of the Mardin field.

You wll no doubt be interested in the future of our work, your work in Derike and from time to time you shall hear of it. The preacher in true Oriental fashion knowing of my writing sends his salaams.

Yours, in Christ's work

R. STANLEY EMRICH.

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Harpoot Turkey
Aug 28, 1907.

My dear Dr Barton

You are surprised to see that we are here in Harpoot but we are delighted with the garden homes and the camping grounds at the Lake. Mrs Emrich has been suffering from some bowel trouble which made us feel rather anxious so at the advice of all our friends in Mardin we came here the first of August having an exceptionally cool week which was a great blessing to us in our journey. The change will prove a great help to Mrs. Emrich when she gets back to her work but at present there seems little progress in leaving her trouble behind.

come on to Mardin in which case I shall feel
much as though I were repeating college experiences
when Mr Hicks came to be a secretary of
College YMCA's. If however no such plan
has been made I am now stating my most
decided opinion in favor of his coming on to
Mardin. No one has yet officially visited
our work and I am sure we feel the need
of such a visit as much as Harpoot. From
Harpoot, the word comes, he intends leaving March
and doubtless Aintab. He must come in
the way Harpoot, Diarbekir, Mardin, Orfa, Aintab
and Marash. It would be quite shameful to
send a man to Harpoot from America and

We hope that the remaining days will prove more helpful. To me the visit has been most refreshing. Some grand people Harpoot has and now just taking on the School in Marsdin I am glad to see others and learn by questioning and comparing experiences and opinions. Just then A.H. read your letter of July 6th and am glad of your experience in China. My thoughts 'How Dr Smith would have enjoyed the same' It was he you know who gave us our course on China at Hartford. He is seeing things from a better vantage ground.

I am exceedingly glad that Mr. Hicks is to visit Harpoot It may be he has plans to

ast - got this to Marsdin.

Dr. Clough's visit to the Coast we read of, rejoicing in their good fortune and not at all feeling injured for the difficulty and expense of an inland journey we know. But how comes the Rocks to an interior station within good reach of Mandin and we cannot be content with being passed by. I am not in my station home and I cannot report station action but I am sure the opinion you give is mine in this matter.

Personally I have plans and hopes for the development of your work in Mandin which cannot be written in such a way as to give them their fuse appeal.

There is a future for the Mardin fields and I not at all one to regret having put myself there. In fact they suggest here holding me for work in Harpoot by my heart is in the work in Mardin.

By all means send Mr Hicks to Mardin and here is a cordial invitation and the welcome will be likewise and more abundantly cordial.

Best wishes

Very sincerely

R. S. Emrich

A. S. Erwich

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Mardin Turkey -
Nov 26 1907.

My dear Dr Barton -

Your letter pertaining to Dr Ward's coming to Mardin has just come to hand. I will had time to write you a long letter but I cannot this morning. I thank you for your letter answering mine from Hanford concerning Mr. Hicks visit. He could not come here on account of plans previously made but the trustees went to see him as you know and I submitted to him many, many plans for development of the

School rooms of our community using two teachers from the High School. Tuition may barely cover expenses but we have made it low and look for a regular attendance of about 30 possibly forty. The trustees is bringing with him a young Carpenter from Orfa whom we have called to give instruction in manual training in the High School. I want it Educationally but I too have hopes that we shall get open on a small scale a carpentry shop as an aid to poor students. I just hear of the action of the Board in relation to Orfa industries. But I am sure that in all cases the carpentry has more

School here. You no doubt know the Beirut Course and may have a catalogue at hand. We are now following the Preparatory Dept in our High School. I made the change first because of the poverty of Arabic text books and the need of English in training preachers and second as a preparation for those who might wish to enter Beirut. I hope however we may add two years to our School then beginning the college course and that at the end of five years.

The pupil number 75 largest number yet and I know we have made progress thus far.

I have opened a night School for the City in the

that in all cases all pupils, its may requiring only a well trained teacher

responsible nature for its management.

I am glad you think as you do about Dr Ward's coming. He can certainly get Turkish here 1.2. Excellent winter. It would be greatly to Mrs Emrich's relief were she sure of such excellent attendance. Dr. Atkinson wrote recently that he did not want Dr Ward to leave Guitab until after the annual meeting of the Medical Association but the Medical Association is one of the doctor's hobbies and I am sure Dr Ward can be excused.

Dr Atkinson also suggested that if necessary he and his good wife could come - his wife to nurse Mrs. Emrich. Now we like the doctor very much and

know him as a goodhearted
big hearted man and love
him and lastly all would
we make things harder for
him than they are. No doubt
you know that thro' mis-
understanding and some
unkindnesses or indiscretions
the doctor's position at least
in his own eyes is not
altogether pleasant. But
really though he may do
excellently he is not one to
inspire confidence in Mrs. Emrich
and it would be a mistake
for him to attend her and
in addition his wife who
is as goodhearted as the
doctor is an awful talker
and would be almost the last
one to care for Mrs Emrich.

We need an additional teacher in the High School for whom I am trying to make plans. At present my own teaching work is heavier than I wish it were. I feel the need of more time for language study (which I hope never to give up) for reading and widening my outlook — for general administration and correspondence. Perhaps you will help us in our plans for next year and bear in mind please that in a few years Sohaer needs come home to present the needs of the College of Mesopotamia. With the best wishes

My father would doubtless enjoy seeing this

I am saying these things for this Lunch's sake because you are as it were behind the scenes and can pull wires and press buttons to accomplish things on our stage here and as one be the wisest.

You once invited me to be exceeding frank with you in stating my impression here.

I hope soon to tell you some things about my large plans for Warden and if you do not consider it meddling I can tell you some things I heard and saw in Rexford this summer and my conclusions in regard to them.

Yours sincerely
R. Hamilton

Lunch

Yours sincerely
R. Hamilton

FEB 28 1908

E. T. M. Mardin, Turkey, Jan 28, 1908.

Dear Friends —

The last quarterly letter is rather ancient history but we may pick up the threads with the departure of Dr Shom in July '07. The Emrichs spent the summer in Harpoot, returning just in time for the opening of the schools in September.

A change in the Boys High School, placing the school on the same standing as the Preparatory of the Beirut College, making the language of instruction English, drew an unprecedented number at the opening of the new year and shortly after opening the school numbered 76 the regular students at present being 73. It may only be stated here that the change is made to secure better secondary training and to prepare for the use of text-books in later study which the Arabic press at Beirut cannot furnish. We are opening a theological school this fall for the needs of our field - When English is well under way it will be possible for us to combine forces sending our theological students to Harpoot, so helping to support a larger institution there and giving time to our own missionaries to enter other open doors. Further mention of the Boys High we may leave to the approaching semi-annual report.

The Girls High under Miss Fenenga with Miss Dewey's help - and Miss Dewey helps to fill a good sized gap in the Boys High also - opened with its usual quota of students. The running of the school was made somewhat difficult by the serious illness of one of its faithful teachers Mualliment Miriam. Mualliment Wadia Spear, a last year's graduate served very acceptably in her absence and now assists her after her return. Mualliment Miriam's illness, typhoid fever, had a long run and left her very weak but she came back to her post as soon as he had gained strength for the journey. We have now as a station a plea before the Prudential Committee for $6000 for a new

building for the school and kindergarten and the missionaries connected with the two. It is certainly needed. An arrangement which gives only the closest sleeping quarters for the girls and makes of the main schoolroom a drying room for clothes on rainy afternoons and evenings, which has no sufficient storeroom for wood that wood may be bought in season and which asks two teachers to sleep and enjoy all privacy in a room 15 x 6 — such an arrangement is a burden to a missionary who desires the best for her girls and teachers — and a condition of things which is bad enough now and getting worse. Mardin mission work is growing and is going to grow. Don't you hear it all along the line? If you feel in the shoot there is coming a tree and already the sap is moving and things must be doing.

Yes, one sign of growth is an increasing demand for Education — more students in our high schools — larger demands for teachers and new schools in villages where a Protestant teacher might formerly easily have been stoned or beaten out had he dared to enter. Growth of the Gospel means wider toleration. Request for schools becomes entreaty such is the growing desire. May the Laymens Movement give us the funds to strengthen the work intensively and extensively — in our higher schools and in our villages whose secondary and primary Education should be growing and developing in quantity and in quality.

Kindergarten has had a big deal on hand for Miss Graf and Mrs. Emrich have joined forces to turn out a bunch of Kindergartners whose training is of the right quality and the girls have been developing under it. They know less now than when they began and their future will be a valuable one if they keep that spirit. In number they are seven.

Growing poverty marks the years — each apparently a little worse than the last. This applies particularly to Mardin. Under these circumstances the lace school under Mrs Emrich's

care is proving a great blessing. About 250 girls of all races and varieties of religious training work in the hospital building, kindly turned over by Dr Thom to the lace industry during his stay in America. In not a few cases the girls are the only earners and in practically all the money earned helps out a family purse all too small. This is Mrs Emrich's story for all who care to hear it and it is full of incidents most pathetic. Much gratitude is due those at home who have found or furnished a market for the dainty and exquisite productions of this industry and also to those who have befriended it with generous gifts. The work has its Educational side - teaching reading and engendering self-reliance, self-respect, neatness, patience and other virtues. Work is always opened with morning prayers.

The greater part or a very large part of Turkey is barren of trees but in the near vicinity of Mardin are excellent forests of oak. Industry is the word and as a means of selfhelp to needy students and as an Educational factor in our school work carpentry has been introduced into our Boys High. The manual training will have for its aim a better boy and man, the carpentry proper will have for its aim the helping of poor boys. Our new carpenter from Orfa speaks enthusiastically of the possibilities of the oak for chairs and other saleable articles - The wood is however exceeding hard and we need a good circular rip saw, hand or horse power, whose cost with transportation will be between $100.- and $150.-. With this saleable work can be done at moderate cost. With Harpoot and her schools running several distinct industries we are still modest in laying out our carpentry shop with a minimum of necessary tools and machines. It might be added that among students and people the new undertaking meets with hearty approval.

some attention this fall when Mr. Andrus and Mrs Dewey got out for two tours aggregating a little over 50 days. This work needs much attention but our present small force does not allow doing what is needed. Immense good is oftimes done by a few days stay in an outstation and the inspiration and uplift is on both sides. On one of these tours Mr Andrus met the secretary of the Board Mr. H. W. Hicks at Diarbekr and travelling with him to Orfa, held long conference concerning the development of our Mardin work. Our notes against the plan of Mr. Hicks tour has been previously heard and we record it here once more.

Spiritual Conditions in our Mardin Church have been very far from encouraging to us and we desire the prayers of God's people for her. There are hopeful signs and our confidence is in the Author and Finisher of our faith.

We have been blessed one and all with a goodly measure of health and strength. Seasons of sorrow and trial have been blessed with grace and peace. We have seen results which are beyond the measure of our efforts - sure tokens to us of God's presence and help.

We must not neglect to mention our guests. The Cornell Archaelogical Expedition - three Cornell men - spent Xmas with us and cheered us up amazingly with some wholesome American slang. They are a jolly lot with a heavy enough task on their shoulders. We enjoyed them immensely and some of us at least got jogged along the way of increasing knowledge and our fingers are again in the leaves of neglected books. Miss Martin of Mosul (C.M.S.) spent August and July with us and Miss Shattuck of Orfa came over to see us in late September and while resting gave us all a new lease on life and a new inspiration for the new year.

So have we come to the close of this our last letter of the year 1907. May this new year be to you all one of rich blessing, and may we all be found in the service of the Master, a service of faith and love.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the station

Rec'd MAY 11 1908

R. S. Emrich

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Ulaudin, April 9, 1908.

Educational statistics

My dear Dr Barton -

The enclosure is the prelude - we are going to pull out the big stops a little later in the promised paper. Time is short but I want to allude to a suggestion made by Mr Hicks when he saw Mr Andrus and went over with him the situation here reading to him the rough draft of a paper I was preparing on "The Strategic Importance of Ulaudin Educationally"

The idea got such good hold on Mr Hicks' imaginative mind that he pronounced it 'just the thing for the Silver Bay Conference'. He spoke as though he has been casting about for something worthy - distinctive and definite to which he could summon the young people and

stated to Mr Andrews his purpose of putting this before the Silver Bay Conference with the express purpose of letting the Young People give the institution here a light into its divinely appointed work.

His last word on the matter to Mr Andrews was "Let Mr Emrich work this up into good shape and get it to me in time for the Summer Conference"

This is the first instalment.

All I want to give Mr Hicks is favor for you in your larger scheme providing the 2,000,000 but I think you will be willing to hold in trust what Mr Hicks may wish to use at Silver Bay.

Your thoughts concerning Mardin expressed to me before I came out are being seconded by my own observations most powerfully.

This note is scribbled in Mr. Andrews' study and in haste. Please pardon it. R. S. Emrich

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Meandin Turkey
May 12, 1908.

My dear Dr Barton.

Your good letter of April 11 came to hand yesterday and while taking this opportunity to extend my thanks and those of Mrs. Eurich for your kind wishes I wish to make some remarks about the paper which I am sending today under signature of the Badrus and myself. In the first place how did it come about?

Truly I was a silent member for some time but observation and a study of the situation has forced upon me some pretty deep and strong convictions. Last summer while at our

present that at Silver Bay this Summer and see if our young people won't give your School a lift. Ask Mr. Lunich to work that up and send it to me without fail" Consequently I have been thinking at it and now am sending the paper as an answer to the inquiries of the 2000,000 Commission but also as a hint for Mr Hicks. Please keep it for him that he may use it as a bit of fresh material.

There is to follow it an album of about 200 pictures illustrating the field from Diarbekir to Baghdad – an article illustrated on the proposed site and another on old buildings in Mardin as an Example of the durability of her building stone.

garden house before our going to Harpoot I struck off a rough outline of what I have now finished for binding – a presentation of the changes and advances of our situation. Later in the fall when the Armenians now attached to Mr Hicks Jerusalem to him are my notes and he looks them over with Mr Hicks on the way from Diarbekir to Urfa. As a result of that conference and the setting forth of the Armenian what I have put in shape from the Hicks notes when with the plan that he said to Armenian approximately "Just just the thing for Silver Bay. Have been looking always time for something distinctive. Now see

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I shall if possible send maps etc.

Dr Barton, the time has come to move here and the first move is not such an expensive one as you may see. After the first step we can pause a little before going on again - The 200,000 fund will help us then.

I have one thing to put in your hands - One wish for you to execute personally - with the consent of the Prudential Com.

Last year when making my first papers out I had in mind sending the complete statement picture and all to Mrs Sage. Not long after I saw of her gift to the Syrian Prot College at

Beirut of $65,000. My intention was reenforced and something says another said to me that if our plans for the College here could get a hearing they would also get generous help.

Beirut will eventually be a university and our College one of its feeders. My conviction is so strong that she, Miss Sage, having already found an interest in Beirut would find an interest here also that I wish to charge you personally on my behalf to present her our case.

What is your answer and the answer of the Committee. What immense good $50000 would do us for furthering immediate plans. Giving us an

endowment and incidentally relieving ~~us~~ the Board of the bulk of the aid to the School.

30000 Endowment would set free bond money.

and

30,000 would set us on our feet for the next eight or ten years in buildings, site etc.

I have even considered a furlough for financing these plans. What would the Prud. Com. say after the Presidential election.

Our mission meeting is to be and probably early in June at Harpoot. Am thankful for the special approp. for language study.

With best wishes. I am yours truly
R. S. Emrich.

P.S. I would like for anyone of your Chinese delegates reports a sufficient number was printed. It is a fine thing. R. S. E.

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Harput, Turkey. July 11th., 1908.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.
14 Beacon Street,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Barton:

Mission meeting is over and the time for explaining our requests is at hand. Naturally each one will speak of that which intimately concerns him representing as nearly as possible the sentiment of the meeting. Before going farther I wish to testify to the great benefit, as I feel it to be, of such an annual meeting as we have just now enjoyed. It was with no little amusement that Mr. Brown member of the "Committee on Plans and Measures" declined when I, as chairman, asked him to draw up the minute on the "Value of the Annual Meeting". I rather think you should have the opportunity this affords for twitting him a bit. The minute was a at least prepared by his committee.

The measure with reference to Mr. Worrell was taken on my representation to the Mission and so I am here stating only the basis of Mission action though it be my own thought in the matter. Mr. Worrell is a graduate of Hartford and it was there that I first knew him and laid the friendship which we have since maintained by correspondence. Of him it is not necessary for me to speak.

Our need for immediate help is urgent inasmuch as this fall we begin work with a theological class on a three years course. Work in the school and in connection with it takes or should take all my time and to ask that I give a large share of it to the Theological Class is to lay on rather more than I can manage to handle. The Mission takes the same view of the situation and so voted that for next year special provision be made by the sending of a tutor who should so relieve me in the school as to let me free to teach in the seminary. These two measures are in view of the opening of the Seminary-a) the sending of a tutor b) the appointment of Mr. Worrell in 1909.

Mr. Worrell's appointment has this else in its favor, that Mardin really needs for its regular work the help of a new ordained man but his coming next year would be very timely.

It has doubtless been a grave misfortune that the seminary course in the past has been interrupted by such intervals-Ithink that ten years has passed since a class has been formed. There should be a seminary in Mardin at least,I should judge,every five years and that makes necessary another ordained missionary.

We want the tutor,you see,to set me free-please pardon the frequent reference to myself. That means $500 this first year,expenses and salary,and in case no ordained man be found for 1909 a continuanceof the tutor at the Board's expense. If the ordained man be sent in 1909,the tutor ,I think, without doubt can by that time be maintained from school funds.

The present force is not large enough to handle the present work and the seminary. The Mission approves our request that the Board send help-this year a tutor,next year a new ordained man. I add this -reasonable,I think, that the tutor be maintained in case the new missionary is not forthcoming. In case he is forthcoming the school will be responsible for his salary and expenses home. I cannot put this clearly in a dispatch and so write hoping that the Prudential Committee will approve and the man be found. I realize the difficulty of finding tutors but I hope nevertheless he may be found.

Please look up Mr. Jesse French,Bellingham,Washington. 730 Garden Street. Mr.French was,you remember,in Harput a year or two ago. There was some misunderstanding of the man,I have heard,and he himself was dissappointed in the nature of his work. Some of those who did not approve of him when he was here have since felt the loss which his going was to the college. Professor Margot considers him a rare teacher,the best in the college at that time,and a most conscientious fellow. Mr.Margot recommends him very highly and since Mr.French has intimated his purpose of again trying the mission field,I wish you would sound him on coming this yearto Mardin. Please write to Mr.J.S.Clark of Beechwood,Mass. classmate of mine in Hartford. I have some hopes that he might be a candidate. You might also write to Pres. G.C.Chase of Lewiston,Maine telling him the need and my request that you write him. Possibly my father might accidentally have some one in mind.

An idea of the work required can be had by looking over the course of study sent at the request of the "Com.on Higher Education".

There is more to follow but this is enough for once.

I have no doubt you would like to exchange places with me for a time and I should like indeed to make the exchange, running down a flight to see my father. Harput is a fine place and has some fine people. I rejoice in the needed reenforcements coming to them this fall. But Mardin is allright, too, and in fact I prefer it to any place on earth at present. You may rest assured that we have a large faith in her future and it isn't built on the coming of the railriad altogether, though the London Times has it that the papers have been signed and the long-expected is to reach Mardin in seven years. We can with patience wait ten or twenty, I think.

Our best wishes for you on your trip to England.

Faithfully yours,

R Stanley Emrich.

P.S. If the tutor reaches usin late Nov.-I do not see how he can get here earlier-he will receive hearty welcome.

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Harput, Turkey. July 29th., 1908.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.
Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Barton:

I want to thank you for the good letter which I received from you under date of June the twentieth. I remember well your own idea of the importance of the work in Mardin expressed to me before I came to know her at first hand. So, of course, it was not as offering anything new in idea that I sent along that reply to the inquiry of the Committee on Higher Education. The plan for carrying it out is the only thing laying any claim to originality. But that plan even down to details I believe to be sound. Mr. Andrus has given his completest sanction to it.

The great emphasis is to be laid upon the unquestionable need of a new site for present and future developments and the wisdom of securing that site at the earliest opportunity-surely within the next three years. Great importance attaches also to the relation of this plan to education for women.

You have already seen the minutes of the Annual Meeting and so are familiar with the action taken there with regard to the future of our work. Mr. Andrus and I are ready to do all we can to secure the necessary funds and are not without hope that we will be partially successful in so doing in case the Board favors the measure passed by the Mission. What can the Board do to help us to such a development of our work? She can do a vast deal if she stands behind the effort to raise such moneys for I am sure you are right when you say "I am inclined to think that an appeal from the Prudential Committee of the American Board would commend itself more to a person of wealth than the appeal of an individual who is connected with an institution for which the appeal is made" Will the Prudential Committee stand behind and help us now? The time element in the plan is of no little importance, I believe. You, of course, know the Mission vote of last winter that Mardin needs a new building for its Girls' High School. We do and badly, too. But to build it now would be to ignore the arguments of the larger plan which has for its aim the best interests of both schools. And yet a building for the Girls cannot be wisely long delayed. And the Boys' High is soon to be too large for its clothes. The only wise solution is to be found in the new plan and that demands speedy action.

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with the Gregorians here in Harput reads 65 liras for Mardin and 35 for Harput. Mr.Andrus felt we needed and urged me to ask for the entire $500 but in view of the seeming splendid opening here in connection with the Gregorians I did not urge the original idea that we have the entire appropriation. Harput expressed her sympathy with Mardin's needs in view of the opening seminary and said she was willing if need be to yield the entire sum to Mardin. The decision you have, and now a word in explanation of a mistake in its wording. Harput wants 35 liras and the balance was felt by all to be needed by Mardin but the vote stipulated 100 liras when last year's appropriation was in excess of that, i.e. $500. I spoke later with Mr.Gary about it and he seemed to think a word of explanation would be all necessary. If not we can start a new intersessional vote rectifying the blunder. Mr.Gary said at that timee that all Harput wants is the 35 liras and that he knew Mardin ought to have all she could,certainly the balance of the $500.

Quite enough for now and I must let you go. I trust that European trip was a rest and also an inspiration. With best wishes in which Mrs.Emrich would join me I amfaithfully yours,

R. Stanley Emrich.

I leave for Mardin Tuesday Aug. 4th. but Mrs Emrich will stay on for the baby's sake till Sept. Dr. Ward reaches us tomorrow from Aintab.

R S E.

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THE EVENING NEWS, SOUTH FRAMINGHAM, MASS., WEDNESDAY, ~~MAY 5,~~ 1909.

HOPES TO PROVIDE COLLEGE COURSE

Rev. Stanley Merrill Emrich Writes to Grace Church of Work at Mardin High School

WORK GOES ON WELL; LESS DISCOURAGING FEATURES

Another interesting letter has come to the people of Grace church from the Rev. Stanley M. Emrich at Mardin, Eastern Turkey, and while written before the troubles about Adana and so does not deal with them, tells of the work in which he and Mrs. Emrich are engaged in connection with the Mardin high school. Mr. Emrich's letter follows:

Mardin, Eastern Turkey,
Feb. 20, 1909.

Dear friends of Grace Church: I wish to thank you for your thought of us on the occasion of the annual meeting. The letter of Mr. Roger's writing reached us Friday, the 18th.

I was, however, much disappointed to find no acknowledgment of a letter sent by me for the annual meeting, mailed here the first week of December with other letters which were delivered in Hartford, Conn., and elsewhere January 4th.

A year ago I determined not to let pass another annual meeting without making the report for your representatives in Mardin a part of the evening's business. Accordingly I wrote a report, or retrospect, covering the three year's stay we had completed in Mardin. Has it been lost —not come to hand in the intervening weeks since Mr. Roger's letter was written? I am sorroy indeed. I sent at the same time a quarterly report by Miss Dewey and a copy of the report of the Bible Society. I shall be glad to know whether or not these have reached you.

We have been having a very light winter and spring seems to be already beginning. Through it we have had good health, though for a few days set upon by the grippe.

The work goes on well, with fewer discouraging features than we had a year ago and much to give an encouraging outlook. The high school which two years ago was 56 in number of pupils, last year 75, and this year 120, will have next year in all probability 160 or more and the station has approved a request for a grant of $1000 to make additions to the present study hall and dormitory. I shall explain more fully later. The expenditure is a necessary one and whether the plan submitted for the future development of the school be followed in detail or not, the expenditure is to be made i. e. the addition to the buildings so to be made, that they can be used for the present and the future.

I was glad to hear that the plan for the developments here had been put before you. I hope and pray that the wisest plans may prevail. Progress toward a college course will depend largely upon the increase in students and the improvement of the financial condition of the people will come, we may expect, with the new regime. The college is bound to come and I am most concerned at the present that the proposed site be slowly yet as quickly as possible acquired.

When I made my statement about the cost of purchasing there was no point indication of the great change which took place in July but since that change and a more certain prediction of the approach of the college the predicted has come to pass and the price of all property has risen—but not yet to its height. We do need the money very much to make sure the site which we shall eventually need.

Every little counts just at present for the next purchases are to be small gardens, some of which may be had for perhaps fifty dollars, but the total of which will be $500 and upwards.

Three years here and a study of the situation has made me feel strongly the need I have put forward in the paper sent. It has been encouraging to have the need appreciated and emphasized by others like Dr. Barton, the prudential committee, and Prof. MacDonald of Hartford who from personal acquaintance or reliable authorities know the field in certain ways better than any of us here.

The new regime has only strengthened every reason for moving with careful haste to make sure the strategic point we hold.

I have spoken to you of Professor MacDonald. I mention his name again. I am sure that he, because of his interest in this great project, if not for his personal interest in me will come to South Framingham to speak to you if you only invite him. It would cost about five dollars in expenses but why speak of that? He was a speaker at the World's Exposition at St. Louis in the Conference on Mohammedanism and is of international reputation for his learning in Islam. He spent last winter in Cairo, visited Syria and Damascus and I am sure you will be helped to an appreciation of the problem out here having once heard him.

When you listen to him you are listening to an authority, one who knows whereof he speaks. He might speak on "Education as an Influence in the East" or on any other subject you might desire to suggest which concerns the great problem of Islam and Christianity in the East.

But I am lengthening out what I intended should be but a short line. I hope to send you very shortly a copy of a report of work in the high school.

With best wishes to you all I am yours faithfully

R. STANLEY EMRICH.

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Rev James L. Barton D.D. L.L.D.
Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Barton.

I was glad to receive your letter of Dec 31st. With all your many activities it is not possible for one to interpret lack of Communication as lack of interest. We are sure of your interest, sure of your efforts in our behalf, sure of your sympathy in everything we undertake and this certainty is a great satisfaction to us, a source of great confidence. We are as it were in a great and strong marriage compact, wherein enters no doubt.

You have however been an encouragement to me in your ready seconding of my opinions with reference to the strategic importance of the educational

work here. We may need to labor and wait before seeing the realization of our expectations as concerns the College though it is my hope that ten years may see a college course in operation.

The great encouragement is to be conscious of working at the right place - in the way of greatest service - and it lends great moral support to have other minds acquainted with the facts see the needs and the opportunities as we see them here. Your plans are sane and merit approval by those best acquainted with the field and its needs we can wait in confident expectation that they will find fulfilment in God's providence.

Let me say it again - and it belongs to my creed of work - my greatest disappointment would be to discover, having helped to build up an institution, that my labors had been misplaced. No apparent success, no fine set of buildings, no College in full swing could

Appreciation of attitude of Rev. Mr. Ellis Edwards.

over compensate for a life spent or misspent in doing what might have been better done elsewhere.

But I am strong in my conviction that whatever the opportunities elsewhere there is certainly great, great opportunity here. We had a very pleasant visit from the Chambers of Bardizag out prospecting for the Y.M.C.A. I listened with great interest to facts about his father's School making many inquiries and sympathized in the desire of his father to raise the standard of the school to that of a college. I opened to him in turn the plans for our plant. It was certainly refreshing to hear his response, "Very likely your claims are much more urgent than those of Bardizag" and I make that spirit mine. If the claims of any other place are more pressing when all things are considered let Bardizag wait. let her wait.

There is another principle which

Visit of Mr. Chambers (Y.M.C.A.)

I believe we mission stations and missions need to keep in mind as well as the churches at home - that intensive development must halt oftentimes for the sake of extensive development. The well developed station will refuse further assistance that her bro developed sister may receive more attention - and so with missions and so with new fields. Is there not a possibility that much greater intensive working of the field of Turkey would be a less productive work than entrance with new resources on unoccupied fields like Russia?

Comparison of works in different fields

Certainly with all the grave questions you and the Prudential Committee are called upon to face we ought to give you large place in our prayers to God for guidance and wisdom for you in your taxing work.

We are here in the midst of new things and day by day opportunities increase. Our great hopes is that

Islam is to open to the influence of Christianity. Time will reveal the real attitude of Islam to us. Great, however, is our opportunity and I hope that our Educational institutions are to maintain the lead, so drawing to them the best of all races and religions and setting high standards for others to follow. One illuminating sentence came to me from Professor Macdonald whose experience has been enriched by his recent stay in the East. "Education is a great matter but more is needed for soon the question will not be one of Christianizing the East but of keeping any religion at all in the East"

Prof. Macdonald's judgment

I am not a little pleased to have so strong and able a supporter in the Professor. Touch with him through correspondence helps to keep me fresh.

I note with regret your difficulty in finding men. Have you cultivated Bates College? It is nearby and I

think a good field for cultivation. You would find in President J.C. Chase one to second every effort to interest young men in missions. Do the Boards have enough direct communication with the student body of our institutions or is the field left open to the Y.M.C.A and somewhat turned over to it to make converts to the volunteer movement? During my four years in Bates I do not recall a single talk by a missionary or a Mission Board representative. Is this the case in other Colleges?

Cultivation of Home College - Bates, etc

I shall write to my Alma Mater asking them to invite Professor Macdonald to speak on Islam and the problem she presents to Civilization and the Christian Church. I believe much might be done in strengthening the relation between the Colleges and the Boards.

And now to a few words about our plans here. The general plan you

are familiar with through the paper sent last spring. (I would like to know if the collection of pictures illustrating our field something like 175 views ever reached the Rooms. They have never been acknowledged). The main lines of that programme were 1) securing a new site for college and high school for men and 2) turning over present high school plant to higher Educational Women when we should be able to transfer the present boys' high to the new site.

Plans

From circular (copy enclosed)

In accord with what has preceded I append copy of a measure taken at the recent meeting of the Eastern Turkey Mission:

"In view of the recent numerical growth of students in the Mardin High School and the demand for its graduates in all Arabic-speaking fields, we realize that the present quarters of the school are already outgrown, and that the whole of the present Mission premises are needed for the Girls' School and Missionary residences, and that the purchase of a new site and the erection of suitable buildings for the Boys' High School is a necessity.

"We would recommend that the missionaries of the Mardin Station be encouraged to solicit private contributions, from sources not interfering with those of the Board, for the purchase of a site and the erection of buildings."

We would urge haste to help out the Girls' School, and to keep down expense of enlarging Boys' School buildings for the growing school but new additions be not in the largest possible way adaptable to the uses of the Girls School which would take

occupy the buildings.

To meet the needs of the immediate future, and so take one more step toward the college, whose founding is our ultimate aim, we believe in the measure already approved by the Mission, viz., the purchase of a new site and erection of new buildings for our Boys' High School. This plan provides for the transfer of the site and buildings, now occupied, to the Girls' School, so relieving their present crowded and unhealthy conditions and making possible for the future that development of education for women which is equally essential. See measure bottom of page 5.

The money needed for the site is approximately $5000 which will secure a splendid plot, already in mind, capable of answering for all future developments and for natural beauty of situation hardly to be surpassed. Money for the erection of new buildings, not less than $10,000 and not to exceed $15,000 will be needed.

We are committed to the minimum expenditure for the Boys' School on the present site and that expenditure we shall always make with a view to its later occupancy by the Girls' High - making only changes which can be considered permanent. Such additions to school building proper and to dormitory have become suddenly imperative. The following is an excerpt from the same paper above quoted written in August 1908. You can see how our modest estimate has been overrun. We now number 120. in one year not five.

~~these students from without will number 50 or more~~. Our course is a five years' course and we confidently expect within two years to have 100 students and within five years an attendance of 125 or more, this estimate being made on the basis of the enrollment for the past two years, an average of 24.

Not only that but with a graduating class of two - one of whom will return for more study our School will number next

year on a low estimate 160 – on some estimates 200. We must make plans for 160 and crowded with 120 and without proper recitation rooms we must make additions to our plant.

The station has just passed a vote which is now going the rounds of the mission asking for a grant of $1000. to make the absolutely necessary changes before next September.

The growing school demands of course more teachers and more in the way of running expenses but the income from students will carry much in the way of increased equipment if only we can have from without at the present the needed building. The new addition will give us a larger student body – larger income – increased efficiency in school management.

I have taken enough of your time. A little later I shall send plans and more detailed information for use when the vote arrives.

We have here a pressing need. I trust that our needs will be met.

We have been having good health — only the grippe breaking in on our circle for a time. Our boy, Duncan Black Macdonald, is in excellent health and is a great and growing joy in our home.

One word of appreciation of Professor Moores brochure on the "Naturalization of Xty in the Far East". It's the finest statement of the object of Christian Missions I have ever seen and I believe should have a very wide circulation. Doubtless my father has seen a copy — I shall read and re-read it.

With best wishes for yourself and your colleagues of the office

Yours faithfully,

R. Stanley Lurich

Appreciation of Prof. Moore's pamphlet.

P.S. I will send copy of Circular from which excerpts in this letter are made by next post or under separate cover. Would it be possible for you to send me a typewritten copy of the paper sent you last spring? I would like a copy for reference. My copy is not usable.

R.S.M.E.

Mar. 10-1909

THE EVENING NEWS, SOUTH FRAMINGHAM, MASS., WEDNESDAY, ~~MAY 12,~~ 1909.

TELLS OF PROGRESS MADE DURING 1908

The Rev. Stanley Emrich Writes to People of Grace Congregational Church of Work in Mardin

LOOKS FORWARD TO CURRENT YEAR WITH COURAGE, HOPE

Another letter to the people of Grace Congregational church, from the Rev. Stanley Emrich in the mission field at Mardin, Eastern Turkey, tells of the work of the past year at the Mardin high school and Mr. Emrich writes as follows in a brief introductory note and description of the progress made during 1908:

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Dear Friends of Grace Church; I take pleasure in sending you the enclosed report of 1908. It tells of progress in numbers in efficiency and in spirit. Your interest and prayers are with the work, I am sure, and as I look forward to another year it is with courage and hope.

Spring is nearing and beautiful violets and narcissus are brought to Mardin from the plain. Soon we shall be gathering the early anemones up here on the mountain.

Graduates

Eight of a class of nine. Exercises held outdoors under large canopy. Record attendance of over a thousand. Of these graduates three are teaching outside our field—in the Arabian Mission, in Orfa and near Aleppo, the first over 600 miles south of us the last over 200 west. Two others are teaching in our own field, one has entered the Theological School, opened this fall, and two are continuing their studies.

Attendance

1906-07, 56; 1907-08, 70; 1908-09, 120. Last summer in a paper about the school the following: "... we confidently expect within two years to have 100 students and within five years an attendance of 125 or more." In one year we have reached what we had hoped to reach in five. Two factors are making for an increase in attendance: (1) Rising standards of the school. (2) Internal changes in the country increasing the desire for education. And a third [illegible] conditions [illegible] help to larger attendance.

The poverty of our field, Mardin [illegible] keeps many desirous [illegible] away. We need to enganize a Y. M. C. A. of the school a focus of all religious activity among the students. This will reach both boarders and day pupils and we believe meet a real need. With nothing marked to report we rejoice in the conviction that new and higher ideals are little by little finding their way into the body of students.

Student Work

All that can be done by boys in the school is given them to do. Some 30 have done such as sweeping, dining-room work, kitchen work, rolling roofs, drawing water, barbering, binding books and work in the carpenter shop.

Carpenter Shop

This was opened a year ago in Dec. 1907 with two purposes in view: (1) a course in manual training. (2) a means of self help to poor students. A change in the use of our buildings gave us in September better quarters and our equipment in small tools is excellent for our needs. We still greatly need two small machines which could be bought and freighted here for $125. These would so facilitate work as to greatly increase the earning power of the shop and the students who work there. $50 would also help in securing some stock for seasoning.

Acknowledgments

From the B. L. M. A. of England £10 used in fitting up school with needed desks. $12 from the Misses O'Kyle, first contribution to the new site. $10 from Rev. C. H. [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] Rev. S. P. Leeds for [illegible] pupil, $6 from Rev. C. A. Butt[illegible] Rev. Mr. Folsom $2.25. To all these our thanks for their sympathy and help.

The Mardin Girl

[illegible] help to larger attendance.

The poverty of our field, Mardin and the villages keeps many deserving students away. We need to enlarge our industrial work in order to make it possible for more students to partly earn their way through school. (see below) Expenses—Board $20, Tuition $5. Entire support including books and clothes $30.

The school next year will number not less than 150—a very conservative estimate. It may easily reach 175.

In view of our present close quarters in study hall, recitation rooms and dormitory accommodations an urgent request is before the Prudential Committee for a grant of $1000. for the minimum enlargements necessary.

Increased Efficiency

In the fall of 1907 English was made the language of instruction and it was decided to put the school as fast as possible on a par with the Preparatory Dept. of the Syrian Protestant College of Beirut. This goal has very appreciably increased during the year.

A valuable addition was made last September when Mr. Reuben Takvorian A. B. of the Beirut College came to us. His work as a teacher and his influence in discipline and moral of the school have been invaluable.

Muallimet Shemoun our elderly matron who came to us in June, has been an inestimably great gain to the dormitory life exercising especially a motherly influence over the smaller boys.

A gate keeper, our latest addition, adds to the order and efficient discipline of our growing family of boarders.

Religious Life

Where profession is easy and formal religion a curse we lay the emphasis in our religious training on living and and seek through the many opportunities which school life offers to inculcate habits of honesty truthtelling, fidelity, obedience and all kindred Christian qualities, emphasizing the life of service.

The Bible is an integral part of our curriculum. Students have heretofore shared in the Young Men's Society of the church but with increasing numbers it seems wise to or-

[illegible] sup. pupil[illegible] Rev. C. A. Butterfield, Rev. Mr. Folsom $2.25. To all these our thanks for their sympathy and help.

The Mardin Club

The club was organized after consultation with authorities of the A. B. C. F. M. with Miss V. T. Wells, Hanover, N. H. as secretary and treasurer. Any caring to keep in touch with the work of the school, ultimately to become the College of Mesopotamia, can do so by corresponding with the secretary who will send a copy of the by-laws and other information from time to time.

Needs

Support for boarders at $25, support of day pupils at $5.00 (detailed information sent on application), 2 machines for carpenter shop, total cost $125; stock for shop $50. Contributions are requested for purchasing the new site, $1000 needed. (see below.)

The school library needs contributions of money and books. We would be glad to correspond with those who have books to part with. Stereoscopic views to add to our collection for use in geography and new lantern slides for Mr. Andrew's lantern would be welcome.

College of Mesopotamia

Any interested in the larger development of the educational plant in Mardin may have a full statement of the school's work; the field it serves, its excellent record, its great opportunity and the plans for its future by applying either to Dr. Barton 14 Beacon street, Boston, or to the principal. The new era in Turkey has increased many fold the urgency of the call. We believe it will have an early answer.

Picture postals of Mardin, a set of ten, may be had of Miss Wells for 25c. Proceeds for the work.

We may fitly mention in closing the earnest efforts of Miss Wells, secretary of the Mardin club who has labored in season and out of season for [illegible] work here. To her we owe large measure of gratitude.

Many are we who labor—'tis God who giveth the increase.

Respectfully submitted

R. S. EMRICH,

Principal

March 10, 1909.

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Meadin, March 22/1909.

Rev J. L. Barton, D.D.
Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr Barton.

Mine of two weeks since was so recent and lengthy that I may be permitted to get straight at the matter in hand - namely a brief word on the enclosed paper, plan of the proposed additions already mentioned.

While there are many advantages to come from these additions in increased efficiency, extended influence, forward steps towards our ultimate goal - the strengthening of the work on educational lines with the College in view, I pass on to mention the one which enforces the justice and urgency of our appeal.

Our school now numbers 120 and uses practically every inch of space available.

Two students graduate.

The school having increased in efficiency, the desire for education growing on every side we must count on at least thirty

new students making a minimum attendance in September of 150.

It is therefore necessary that additions be made both in School Building proper and in Dormitory to meet the certain increase.

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We may urge this keeping pace with the increased attendance at the present moment because this increase is new. As I understand it the school had stood still for some ten years or more. Now that increase in attendance comes - from some of the best quarters - we should not refuse to keep up with at the present. The school under its present management and with its new curriculum is in the process of making.

Again - demands increase and we should train as many as possible to meet increased and increasing demands for our graduates.

We must keep in mind our goal and seek in these early years to keep the confidence of the people - increase our reputation as a school, widen her influence, extend her usefulness - take no backward step - nor even

mark time.

Now if Ever is the time for a forward step.

The cost of that forward step is moderate - $1000.

Further Expenditure will be practically nil for at least four or five years. Events will prove what may then be best.

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Other schools i.e. colleges, need larger endowment, better Equipment, larger buildings etc.

There can be no louder call in Turkey for a college than here.

Mardin has waited long - let her have this needed lift at this critical moment in the life of the school.

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Mr Budrus has hinted his idea that to ask is not always to receive and I have in consequence sent out four or five special plans - for special gifts not interfering with gifts to the Board. I have no <u>real</u> confidence that such will be rewarded by a hearty response.

Such requests have been made in hope.

If the Board cannot appropriate the full amount will it not appropriate something, say $400 for the addition to the lower building?

What more shall I say?

May the will of God be done.

I am conscious that much can be done with no means - with little means. But I know that best results, largest results depend upon adequate equipment.

I commend this appeal to your consideration on behalf of the station of Mardin which has approved the need and estimate.

Yours faithfully

R. Stanley Emrich

P.S.

May answer to Mission vote be speedy. We must begin to build not later than July 15th - 30th.

R. S. E.

R. S. Emrich
Mardin - Turkey.
Mar. 22 - 1909.

Building
Rent

May 2 - 1909

PERILOUS TIMES IN MISSION FIELD

Rev. Stanley M. Emrich Writes Home of Anxious Days

PLANS FOR EVIL WORK

Outbreak Near in Village Only 20 Minutes' Walk Away

The Rev. Stanley Merrill Emrich, in a letter to his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Emrich of Brighton, from Mardin, Eastern Turkey, under date of May 2, speaks at length of the perilous times in the far-off mission field and the anxieties to which the Christians were then subjected. In addition to stating that the proposed mission meeting has been abandoned [illegible]lly postponed until another year he writes as follows:

[illegible] reading of the great mass of [illegible]ms which some days since [illegible]h the Associated Press have [illegible]ead by you, bringing us down [illegible]il 26, was for us today a sad task. Mr. Freyen of Beirut has sent us copies of everything and Consul Jackson of Aleppo has sent us also the past two weeks detailed reports of what has been happening to west of us.

It is a sad, sad story of villages wiped out, of murder, arson and pillage on every hand; but since your information will be more detailed than our own there is no occasion for my saying more.

Through the reports sent to the Associated Press I trust you are kept in some sure of peace. Surely you have reports that Diarbekir and Mardin are quiet. While the atmosphere is anything but cheering, at times, it seems little likely that the telegraphic reports will be anything but encouraging.

Let me, then, go over some of the days I resume.

[illegible] action of the new Mutaserrif [illegible]ly arrived from Moosh quieted [illegible] not a little and the society [illegible]id its best to quiet the minds [illegible] people. Tuesday, however, [illegible]eemed to be a well-planned ef[illegible]n foot for a movement which [illegible] no good to the city. Definite [illegible] were laid to commence the evil [illegible]n a village to the north of us, [illegible]s twenty minutes' walk.

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PERILOUS TIMES IN MISSION FIELD

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Such plan, carried out would have been the match to the city. The outlying country of Kurds has been ready, and the Kurds would have swarmed like so many vultures to help on the devilish work.

Then like deliverance at the eleventh hour came the news that Sultan Abdul Hamid had been deposed and the new occupant proclaimed his successor. The whole city fell into a comparative calm and on Wednesday the accession of the new Sultan was celebrated with proper ceremonies; cannon were fired, bells rung, speeches said and great was the rejoicing. There was of course an undercurrent of bad feeling and before dismissing school as I did at an early hour I spoke with considerable force to the students, charging them to conduct themselves with due regard to the conditions.

Thursday morning I gave up the first hour of the school to a service of Thanksgiving for news having come of a favorable settlement of matters in the capital and of a new Sultan, we felt that stability had at last been secured and that the danger was past.

At our Wednesday evening station meeting the atmosphere was one of rejoicing and thanksgiving for a great deliverance. We sang Luther's hymn, also "O God, our help in ages past." Had matters swung into the hands of the old regime, we had all perished. And now with the new regime in its place, the land was safe. We thought of you at home—the long suspense, the new hope with the good news you would have had from Constantinople.

Friday, the Moslem day of prayer, after all the rejoicing of Wednesday, there early began to spread the wildest rumors. It was said that the Moslems would gather for the noon prayers and after that leave to massacre the Christians. Something not unlike a panic swept the city. Schools were closed; many shops shut, fathers sent to the high school for their children, neighboring villages sought refuge in flight and many defenseless people, panic-stricken, sought protection in churches and monasteries. Just before the noon prayers I had a lesson with the theological class, but it was an hour of distraction. I kept them at the lesson, but the prevalent fear had laid its hold on them. And what wonder with the strain of the previous days and nearly all onlookers in the massacres of 1895 and '96. And it was true that the Moslems—some of the baser sort—had spread reports and openly declared their intention of beginning the bloody work.

But all was baseless and the fear partly abated before the close of the day. Poor, poor souls—no arms for protection—as helpless as sheep.

The crisis is, we believe, past and our hearts are lightened, save for the awful catastrophe which others have suffered. The details are awful, equalling in most ways the events of 1895. Though many—yes most—believe that none would dare attack the houses of foreigners, I am inclined to think that I shall some day be glad to count two good rifles and a good stock of ammunition a part of my missionary equipment in case of emergency. I can think of nothing more awful than killing a fellowman. And yet—if God protect us not, then in most cases we w[illegible] What, however, wo[illegible] protection while w[illegible] pected any moment [illegible] sionaries at Pekin.

God grant the spe[illegible] of such awful doi[illegible] by the powers of [illegible] regime and the exp[illegible] country by railroads [illegible] impossible such disa[illegible] spreading kingdom [illegible] change the hearts of [illegible] such wickedness! H[illegible] draw his knife across [illegible] threaten thus his [illegible] innocent fellowman [illegible]

Speedy and severe [illegible] doubtless follow this [illegible]

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[illegible]be helpless. [illegible]u say to self [illegible]g relief ex- [illegible] did the mis- [illegible]ing away [illegible]tenanced [illegible]l. The new [illegible]itation of the [illegible]ill make more [illegible]rs and the [illegible]f God will [illegible]vil men. Oh, [illegible]w can a man [illegible]his throat and [illegible]efenseless and [illegible]th death? [illegible]etribution will [illegible]tbreak. While one longs for the meting out of justice,—necessary justice,—wholesome justice, I dread that punishment which is devoid of mercy and utterly cruel. God guide those in power.

We are all well. Work goes on in the same routine way. Thursday I spoke from Zech 4:6, this morning in church from Zech 4:10, taking my starting point in both cases from the events which have been happening about us.

This has not had much the tone of a letter. It is a hasty attempt at some of the experiences through which we are passing. Your fears will all have been dissipated ere you receive these words and so you will find them a further cause of anxiety.

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Mardin, May 3/1909.

Rev J. L. Barton DD LLD.
Boston Mass.

My dear Dr Barton.

It gives me pleasure to acknowledge your letter and enclosures of April 1st. Your letter has gone the Round Robin journey of the station and so is not at hand but it is not difficult to recall its contents. Let me thank you heartily for its encouragement. Such hearty converse doeth the heart good.

With the certainty of writing somewhat disconnectedly let me answer your letter as it calls for answer. I must first thank you for your volume recently received which I anticipate reading soon. Something like a great Messina earthquake has threatened unsettling the foundations of the Empire but thank God peace and quiet and the reign of the higher ideal seem to be emerging. The forces of Evil were not enough and will never be enough to banish the dawning day of light in this land. Our latest are up to

April 26th. Mr Freyer and the American Consul at Aleppo, ~~at~~ Mr Jackson, have kept us well posted. Of conditions here as I know them I have again written to my father and he will certainly furnish you with a copy as I requested him to do last week.

Into the loss of the pictures sent with deep regret. I was at fault in not making earlier inquiry concerning them but was at Harput during the summer. You will do as seems right about paying for those lost but I shall surely make a second collection with improvements and upon sending them will let you know the approximate cost.

Speaking of the relation of the Board to our colleges at home has led me to consider the great burden thrust upon the officers of the Board. You know Dr Thom came back here quite disgusted - said he "If you want anything to do with the Secretaries you are better off here than in Boston". How do you accomplish all you do? Truly I owe you thanks and appreciation that you in the midst of crushing duties have found time to enter into the plans of far away thoughtless

and to give them your sympathy and backing. Our plans are yet but plans, and still your words and the response of the Committee in putting the institution here on the list of Higher Institutions are a great ~~moral~~ encouragement to us who work on with little means and with great sense of our fallibility.

But my letters have been unusually frequent and rather lengthy of late and I must hasten to put before you the latest development in the line of need. The station has approved my requesting a tutor, his salary to be met from school resources with the further provision that the Board be asked to advance funds for travelling expenses to be reimbursed within the two years from the interest money on funds invested in the Board's keeping. Not having ready money we ask the Board to advance the $200 or so necessary and agree to replace the same within two years. The limit is placed at two years with the expectation that the school can meet the same this fall. If, however, the promised increase should not be forthcoming one half might be paid, or the whole allowed to wait until a second year. The last proposition is

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most unlikely. The standards of the School in every department are much better than a year ago and the tuition is to be increased to 1½ Turkish liras affording us a larger income. This with an increase of students will enable us to increase and so strengthen our teaching force.

I dare not think of not receiving the $1000 — asked for for enlarging our over-crowded plant. The addition means a larger school, a larger income, more teachers, greater efficiency — a splendid step in advance. For just these reasons $1000 here at just this opportune moment will be an unusually well paying investment.

As for the tutor — I am glad that we can place this step without additional demands on the Board. He is needed. Our education ought to be thorough. I have stood for a high standard of instruction in English since it is the language par excellence of higher education in Turkey. It is not a mistake. Our standard is as high as is found in Turkey; we shall see what we can realize. May I commission you to secure us the best man for Mardin.

We will pay him $300 - board and wash him at the reasonable rate of $2.20 a week - $115 yearly. He will need to spend from $10-$15 each year for wood and when that is said the necessary expenses other than personal such as clothes etc have been mentioned.

I'll try to put the matter of tutorship into an attractive form and send it on in a week or two. There are certainly some novel things in connection with such a position and with not a few opportunities the opportunity of serving the kingdom.

The work of the Theological Seminary is a great pleasure. We have a set of open-minded young men and some of no little power. They will do a splendid work one of these days. Oh I tell you its great this putting a gospel of life into these young men in place of the type of theology taught fifty years ago. In the great essentials the theology of today and that of fifty years ago is the same but in spirit and interpretation they are far far apart. Nor are we wrong in thinking the ideas of today richer and better.

With a tutor here it is my hope to see our High School more efficiently manned and to find time myself for more work in the Theological Seminary and self improvement in language study. I need time also for wider reading in educational lines. I need be I can teach elementary English but the wise economy is to leave that to some one else and turn to larger things.

There is also a large field which I seek never altogether to lose sight of. In the larger day dawning in this land there may be a time when age has lost me the cloak of its dignity when, if I be prepared, I may serve the Kingdom in a larger way. That service will be small - time will not suffice to give me full preparation and greater men than I - greater in spirit and greater in powers - are needed. Yet humbly I keep the ideal before me - the ideal raised by Cuthbert Hall in India - perchance I may be used in some small way to interpret Christianity to the great faith of Islam. You will see here also the influence of my beloved professor Macdonald.

would you ask what I am doing - only pegging away my spare moments at the language - that chiefly - 'tis of first importance. Of course reading history - acquainting myself with Islam - and not neglecting Christian theology. It is a great ideal - isn't it? I have given much much time and energy to this during these first years - It is my hobby - that's it.

Question about use of appropr. for language study.

I want to thank you for the appropriation for language study - and I hope that it will be continued to me a third year. I would like to know also in this connection if it would be considered a legitimate use of such funds to purchase books necessary or desirable for such study.

Personal Plans

Now you have it - the College of Mesopotamia and the purpose to enter deeply into the comparative study of Islam and Christianity with the hope that my later years may find larger fields of service - these are my two great interests and they sometimes almost refuse to keep house together. But they are not opposed to each other - far from it. I only long, however, for such assistance as I anticipate from an adequate teaching force that leaving

the teaching of elementary subjects and teaching as a whole I may turn to the larger interests of the growing institution and keep myself head and shoulders above the mere routine so giving the life to the institution that every president of an institution ought to be.

Enough — enough — These are aspirations, ideals, which however make plain I believe what I believe to be the principle of economy in mission work. Great men — men of self-sacrifice men of great character are here in the mission field worked to death by tasks self imposed and imposed upon him. The greatest service will be done where more leisure is either taken or given. I might tell you how I have slashed useless redtape in my departments since I came. Away with non essentials. Do what other cannot do.

My best wishes to you and Mrs Barton. My prayers for the blessing of God on the work of you and your associates. May the gloom resting on your hearts because of sad events here be soon lifted. Heartily yours R. S. Emrich

C. S. M. Emrich
Mardin - Turkey
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Mardin High School

Mardin, Turkey.

May 18/1908.

Rev J L Barton DD LLD.
Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Barton
Under date of May 7th.
I wrote you regarding a tutor for our High School. I wish I might send you a copy in case the letter has been lost but not being able to do so I content myself with explaining briefly the matter of the tutor.

The station has voted me authority to request a tutor, the School bearing all

all we do and it is possible that next year (I mean 1909) we may not be able to meet the expense of travelling but can meet the whole expense in 1910.

We are growing and our growth makes this additional step. A raised tuition is expected to practically cover all the increased expense.

Our request, then, is to the Prudential Committee to authorize the advance of the Mission Travelling Expenses and secure us the much needed man.

With best wishes to you in the great

expenses of the same, with only one thing attached. Nothaving money in hand for travelling expenses of the tutors it is thought feasible to ask the Board to advance the money for his outward expenses the same to be reimbursed to the Board from the income of funds, now in the hand of the Board, and that not later than two years from date.

The purpose is to refund 1/2 from the interest money this fall and the balance the following year. The venture is not a large one but there is of course an element of venture in nearly

work in which you are engaged — Lam
Yours truly
B. Lincoln

Rec'd AUG 9 1909

Mardin, July 13/1909.

Rev J. L. Barton D.D. LL.D.
Boston Mass

My dear Dr Barton.

Only a brief word may suffice in the moment at my disposal. It concerns the tutor whom we have asked for whose expenses you were informed were to be made a charge upon the School finances and not an additional expense to the Board.

It is hardly time for a reply if you pause to size up the possibilities of answering our request affirmatively. I think it well however, to pen you this short request, namely that upon receipt of this letter which will reach you in mid-August in case you have no reasonable hope of securing the tutor that you cable me at once thro' the Peet to that effect in order that I may make the best of the situation and secure

if possible someone in the way of a substitute in Turkey. This will be more difficult the longer we wait. I hope indeed that we shall have the good news of his coming to encourage us.

We are waiting answer to our request for money to build - surely we shall hear in a week or so -

Hastily but with best wishes

Faithfully Yours

R S Emrich.

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Mardin Turkey July 21/1909,

Rev James L. Barton D.D. LL.D,
Boston Mass. U.S.A.

My dear Dr. Barton -

Your letter of June 16th concerning the tutor and the vote for $1000 for enlargements is at hand and I may acknowledge the same in this week's post. Please accept my hearty thanks for your interest and help.

We now the question of appropriation for building is settled and another week we shall have word. I am glad to say that, as circumstances have turned out, we shall be able, in case our plea is for the present turned down, to place temporarily for the coming year by using the Girls' School as a temporary dormitory. There will be inconveniences but this arrangement will be possible thro the closing of the Girls' School, in this Fuengat's absence which was decided not long since.

Mardin - Turkey - July 21 1909

It will greatly add to the effectiveness of our work if, however, a partial grant, sufficient to even partially carry out the proposed plans on the Tower building, be made. So I have hoped that the Prudential Committee might be guided thro' a study of the plans to vote us perhaps one-half the sum or even a little less. But the discussion of what might have been is useless. Every I suggest, however, what is only too clear that our demand will be in the field a year from now and with doubtless even greater urgency — if the grant be for the present deferred!

This whole matter of addition has been planned in the full light of our larger plans to which the Trustees and I are committed. But present strengthening of the School in its efficiency as instructor and developer of character and the addition to its number of students is as essential as money for future building and while we may seek to make the outlay on the present site as little as possible, and that

limits as adaptable as possible to future use we must expand enough to insure the present school its legitimate growth and development.

Having spoken of the approval of the plan by Mr. Andrews and myself I have perhaps suggested a question concerning others in the station. I think I may as well state frankly the case as it stands now though definite action will necessarily be deferred in the matter for some time. Enough that now the trustees, Mr. Andrews and myself are trying to secure the site intended and laying lines for raising the money necessary to put the college on its feet. Early after the conception of the plan I disclosed it to Miss Finnegan who saw in it the loss of her coveted new building and was and is today I think not in favor of the plan as it concerns the Girls' High. I am now the less convinced that the development of Girls' education will demand a larger site and that the best if indeed not the only site available will be the one now occupied by the Boys' High.

But it is not at all an essential

part of the plan that the present site be given up. It could with the present building be used as the industrial branch of the school work which same I hope to see growing year by year. Dr. Thom has never offered any opposition though he has had full information about the plan - Neither has he given any least sign of his approval. My idea of the Doctors attitude is that he might easily be shortsighted.

The plan as it originated in my mind more than a year ago has had ever since the full sympathy and support of Mr Andrews and he has on his own initiative taken active measures to secure its realization. Nor has my study of conditions led me to alter my opinion in any respect with regard to the main outline of the papers I sent to the Prudential Committee a year ago. Events have however justified some of the things there predicted and enforced the urgency of the plan.

Just a word in closing about the tutor. I wrote last post asking for cable word in case the tutor cannot be found. Let me qualify that somewhat. Let the tutor come, and do not abate the search for the right man, if he can get here even as late as the middle of November. If then there is hope of finding the man keep up the hunt — when hope is gone let us know. Naturally you will cable if he is coming. Please cable also if you give up hope of finding him but so long as there is hope even of getting him here by the middle or last of November — I would wish you to keep on looking.

As to French who came to Harput I heard him spoken of most highly by several at Harput. Professor Margot spoke in highest terms of his work as a teacher, of his fidelity, hard work etc, results with the boys, Mrs Knapp of his excellent work with Addison, her boy. There were misunderstandings about his work, he is a reticent fellow, not given to much talking about religion — but a student volunteer — he was saving money from his brother

and so boarded with the students a time. He seemed, in short, to some of those who knew him an odd fellow. To those who knew him best, who got under the skin, apparently, he was rated very highly indeed. I think in one of my letters a year ago I mentioned his name. I mention it again at this time. If you can secure him I shall be satisfied with your sending him - relying on the excellent testimony of Professor Margot, Mrs Knapp, Dr. and Mrs. Atkinson, - I understand also Mr Riggs was sorry to lose him and Mr Margot told me that Mr. Brown who was early unfavorably impressed with him later quite changed his mind about him - if indeed he considered him in some respects somewhat unsocial.

His address up to May 1909 was Jesse French, Principal High School, Buffalo No. Dakota. I corresponded with him last year and he wrote me that he thought he would be open to a call in 1909 though at that time he was not. I shall be glad to have him come if you secure him -

With best wishes, R. S. Emrich.

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Mardin Turkey

August 12/1909.

Miss Emily Wheeler

Worcester, Mass.

My dear Miss Wheeler.

This is my first letter to you though I have heard much of and seen much of your good work. Miss Wells who is helping out the Mardin work to the best of her ability speaks of you frequently.

I know you like pictures - though this one is quite Eastern I. E. the boy is not working - though he was a good worker last year. I snapped the father and boy in the home of our

True, this is true the boys follow their own leading - read of themselves - acquire the love of reading and the passion for books. We have now no English books worth mentioning and I hope through your help in this matter we may find, shall I say thousands? I hope so. 'Tis possible to entirely so.

I enclose sketch which you will use or mutilate to suit your little paper.

I am with best wishes

Sincerely yours,

R. Standen Emmch.

pastor in the village of Karabash. the pastor's young wife stands in the doorway.

But the main object of my writing is to interest you and your coterie in our High School library. I have felt the need of doing something and last year one of our teachers a graduate in 1908 of the Beirut Protestant College succeeded in storming me even more. He is a fine Christian fellow who served our school magnificently last year. His testimony of himself is that the library at Beirut is as much an educator if not more than the straight curriculum.

(For Helping Hand) (1)

The boy below is a student in the High School at Mardin. His father, beside him, can neither read nor write, a maimed villager who barely supports himself. The boy by his Eagerness to learn commended himself to our people of the neighboring village whose school he attended and was taken into the High School last year. Yeshua did good work and was faithful in his sweeping and other duties. There is as yet no one to support him ($30.00 is necessary) but he will be received again this year.

Picture

School Library at Mardin (2)

This boys like this of most meage meagre experience that the school educates. How their lives need enrichment! And how manyfold more useful will they be when their narrow existence is widened by contact with the great outer world of thought and action.

This must come through books.

A love of reading, a thirst for knowledge must be imparted to these boys.

The School at Mardin is going on in a few years to become the "College of Mesopotamia". English is used in all branches and English books of all descriptions are desired to furnish the basis of

a library.

The school has no library of English books and needs it as well for teachers as for students.

Where are your outgrown children's books by Alcott, Hunty, Kellogg, Abbott, Coffin, Sydney, Burnett and a thousand others?

Where are your laid aside textbooks in mathematics, geography, history, grammar, geology, biology, botany, astronomy, art etc. etc.?

Where are your books of travel, history, science, literature prose and poetry which you with all the current books and magazines will likely never read again?

What about two or three attractive books which you still

prize but which you can have any day by calling at the Public Library?

Will you not go <u>now</u> and see how many you can spare? Duplicates will find excellent use.

Go now, with this leaflet in hand, and pick out all the books you can spare. If they do not exceed a half dozen or so wrap them up at once and mail them to Rev. R. S. Emrich Mardin, Turkey (Registration ensures delivery). If you have half a hundred sit down at once and send list of the same to Mr. Emrich.

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Have you friends to interest?

a S.S. Library to be picked over?

Here is a good work to be done.

Give you 'the helping hand'.

or Will you give the 'helping hand'?

(Have simply made my own arrangement.

Do it all as you please but if you can give us space in your magazine – R I Emrich.)

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R. Stanley Emrich

Mardin High School

Mardin, Turkey.

Sept 3/1909.

Rev J. L. Barton D.D., LL.D.,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Barton.

We have not yet had any word about our possibility of securing a tutor for the year's work. I am still hoping that we shall have good news to the effect that he is secured.

I want now to add one more word - namely, that if the man can not be secured in time to reach here by November - that he be secured at the earliest possible moment and sent out to reach

Further suggestions about tutor.

in the spring. Will you not bring up this matter and let the answer come soon that we may lay our plans. $900 and 'yes' now is the same as $1000 and 'yes' months later and much easier on us who wait. 'No' is easier to stand up under now than after long expectant waiting. Aside from difference in market value of materials and work I shall be able to make some use of school boys in preparations. I do not know the order of appropriations by the Prudential Committee and may be asking the impossible - in which case please consider my desire - simply - the earliest possible consideration.

us even as late as the midyear beginning in February.

In writing previously I specified $300 as his salary but I also specified his board at a lower figure than will be accepted elsewhere and I think the offer a fair one. However better make it the same as the conditions under which the tutors are sent out to Hampton station.

I have read Farrow's letter to the Rooms, published in the last Herald, and I hope that friends of Yau and Dr. Raynolds will come to the relief. We do not need so much here but our need next year, I cannot help repeating, becomes imperative. And there is little doubt that $900 on hand now, or within two months is worth $1000 or more

As I have said before, no
of blame upon anyone if
our request be refused. I can
imagine a more difficult situation than
that of the Prudential Committee
with so great needs and urgent calls
before it and so little to use
meeting the need. And how
you compare needs and
decide between them? You
need abundantly the guidance
of God's Spirit.

If a spirit of urgency
thro' this letter and others
let it not be thought the spirit
of impatience.

My best wishes to your parents
and to all in the Rooms.
Congratulations to Mr. Bell.

Faithfully yours
R. S. Emrich.

Appreciates P. to's difficulty in meeting all needs

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Urandin Turkey, August 14/1909.

Rev J. L. Barton DD, LLD.
Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Barton -

I wish to write just a line to ask that you will take the matter of an appropriation of $1000 - for the Boys High before the Prudential Committee at an early moment.

In connection with this request let me say that we shall be in need of this appropriation even more I believe next year than we had thought to be this year. This year we are able to manage thro' use of the Girls High, temporarily suspended - even thus at a sacrifice in efficiency. Next year we shall be shut up again to our own plant and it must be enlarged if the school is to do its work efficiently and grow.

Secondly in building it will save perhaps from ten to twenty percent in materials if the money can be in hand for purchasing in the winter, the dull season.

We have not money to build even one

room in addition but shall use some money in hand for readjustments necessary to meet the demands. The estimate of $1000 was a scant one to make all the additions specified in the drawing submitted and so I must urge the appropriation of the full amount.

I know you are convinced of the reasonableness and moderation of our request as well as its urgency. I hope you can prevail on the Prudential Committee to give us this grant during these fall months.

I hope to hear from you ere long and of the representation of our request to the Committee for early action.

My best wishes for yourself.

Faithfully yours,

R. Stanley Emrich

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Rev J.L. Barton DD. LLD
Boston, Mass.

Sent Sept 25

My dear Dr Barton -

Your note of Aug 31st came to hand this mail. Not having yet received the cablegram we are of course in the dark as to the coming of the tutor. We are however still in hopes. You understand my letter urging the securing of French in the event of failure to secure another man. With your note in hand I submit entirely to your advice in the matter. Strange to say no one mentioned the matter of personal appearance when speaking of French. It is however of great importance that our representatives here be worthy men bringing no reflections upon us.

School has opened with excellent prospects of a fine year. Attendance a little less than last year for a variety of excellent reasons

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they I be permitted an opinion on the question of Designated Gifts - that much talked of subject in the columns of the Herald on Finance.

Personally I am sure that the one or two hundred dollars which I receive yearly as outside help to the school does not affect the giving directly to the Treasury of the Board. That this is the case with a goodly number of others I am sure. Our appeals for help are emergency appeals and are extra gifts which would not otherwise reach the mission field. Many such gifts are from personal friends who give through personal interest.

Re Special Gifts

I look more each month for the increase of funds for the Board than I do to the increase of funds for my own special work. But I am inclined to think that Designated Gifts do not make a cut on the regular income of the Board and that it is in a considerable sense unfair to generous friends of missionaries to lay the burden of debt or small income upon them because of their generosity have given to some special work.

Nicholson to Walters

Any idea would be to cut the Designated Gifts out of the Treasurer's account entirely allow him to pass them along to the proper persons just as gifts for personal use of missionaries are

that is today excellent (?) in the eyes of those who have left or given up coming this year.

It is a testing time for us and we shall, I am confident, weather the storm alright.

We have trebled the tuition making it 1½ Turkish liras. Consequently some have gone to the Moslem High School in the city - and are beginning to repent and return. One of the Protestant community powerful in influence has turned aside a goodly number from coming out of spite. We are suffering boycott from a village highly conservative and critical which kept away this year six of the school's brightest students who all pleaded to return. Some students disciplined last year sought revenge in leaving. In spite of all our boarding department has increased and we shall have as many students as we closed with last year on our rolls.

We want the tutor though his coming will mean a strain on our finances. The school funds, however, Smith forwarded in any case as they will be needed and we shall make plans for paying the tutor's travelling expenses another year.

forwarded. This to my mind is the proper treatment of such gifts. Doubtless not a few gifts reach missionaries thro' other than the Treasurer of the Board. Should they not also be listed? not affecting the plans of the Prudential Committee and not spent subject to the approval of the Committee it seems to me they do not belong in the Financial statement of the Board. Good friends make use of the good services of the Board in transmitting private gifts for special uses to individual friends.

My real objection is, however, to the thesis that Designated Funds are the cause of any considerable shortage in the Board's regular income.

And now my saying is done. I shall look with great expectation to the Prudential Committee for an appropriation for building this year. The station and mission have voted approval of a grant of $1000 ?. Give us half of it if you cannot give more. We are patching, not building our buildings - let us patch a little more. and we will trust the Lord for the future.

With heartiest good wishes,

Faithfully yours,

R. S. Emrich.

O. Stanley Emrich
Marsh.

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Madin, Oct. 10/1909.

Rev J. L. Barton D.D. LL.D.
14 Beacon St
Boston Mass.

Cable sent Sept 25

My dear Dr Barton.

As yet no word of the coming of the tutor but hope is not dead. If success does not attend our efforts this year may we not consider our need here as most urgent for another year and count on your cooperation with us in finding the right man. I must say that with our need of additional room in our school plant we need sorely young blood in our teaching force. Two of our teachers are past sixty, two of the remaining three have had little opportunity themselves - one year each in C.J. College besides our own course - and the last addition is a graduate of Beirut. English being the language and the reputation of foreigners in Education being what it is - no change in our school will have so good an effect as the addition of an American. Let his salary be the regular missionary allowance and let him come without fail.

You can rejoice with me over the gift of $100 - from a friend in So. Framingham for the desired additions. Will the Prudential Committee make even a partial grant of even $300 so that with a little outside help I may see a partial carrying out of the plans submitted.

The matter I broached to you longsince - the forming of a Board of Trustees - has been waiting until now. The Brothers and I were agreed in accepting your recommendation that those chosen be a Board of Association and not sought Trustees and with that change thus we can get things into shape so that you may call the first meeting early in 1910. The persons chosen are as follows - the order being just as enumerated

	Rev F. E. Emrich D.D.	Boston	
	Professor D. B. Macdonald	Hartford	Accepted
A	" Wm Hayes Ward	New York	
A	" G. F. Moore (Harvard)	Boston	
A	Talcott Williams	Phila.	
A	H. W. Hicks	New York	
	Rev C. S. Butterfield	Foxboro	Accepted
A	E. P. Platt	Poughkeepsie	

Man of your choice.

Armenian?

?	Miss E. C. Parsons (Womans Work for Women)	New York	
	Miss V. T. Wells	Hanover, N.H.	Accepted
A	Rendel Harris	England.	Norwian, N.Y.

Those marked A were chosen by Mr Andros others by myself - both of us working together in the matter. I thought of asking you to serve as but being already trustee of Euphrates College it has seemed best to us to invite you to name one of the number. You may present the invitation as from us if you choose. We shall certainly welcome your

The marks A were given by the tutors themselves. But the working capital is the matter. I thought of asking you to give work using elements of Euclid only; the result has led me to wish you to move one of the numbers. You may present the matter as you see it if you choose. Marks entirely welcome from

Consultation in the matter. Professional men are in the majority — perhaps you have just the right business man to get behind this big proposition and push it.

When all answers are in — I hope all will accept — we shall be ready to ask you to call the first meeting in Boston. Many good thanks these plans wherein they are wise.

With heartiest good wishes,

Yours Faithfully yours

R. S. Emrich.

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THE EVENING NEWS, SOUTH FRAMINGHAM, MASS.—MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1906.

LACE INDUSTRY IS STARTED AT MARDIN

Mrs. Jeannette Wallace Emrich Writes of Work Begun in Mission Field This Fall

Mrs. Chalres H. Daniels has received from Mrs. Jeannetta Wallace Emrich, wife of Rev. Stanley Emrich, and a former Saxonville young lady the following very interesting letter relative to the work in the mission field at Mardin:

Mardin, Turkey, Asia, Oct. 20, 1906

My Dear Mrs. Daniels:

The longer we are here the less time we have, it seems, for letter writing. Mr. Andrus was riding with us the other day and Stanley was telling him how full the days were. "Well," Mr. Audrus said, "you will never be less busy than you are now not while you live in Mardin."

Study of Language

Language study, of course, goes steadily on. The writing begins to look less like hen scratches and I find I can understand much that is said to me.

Stanley has made rapid progress and after this year of study will be ready to take the High School. This year he has two English classes and supervision of the gymnastics.

I have the music in the Girl's High and this week have opened a new industrial work about which I will tell you.

Harpoot Lace Industry

When we came to the interior I was told of the lace industry at Harpoot and how it had been started to help the women made widows by the massacre. Mrs. Cary at the time we were there employed over a hundred women and found a ready market for her lace (all thread and needle work) in America.

I found that no such industry had ever been started in Mardin though Miss Fenenga and Miss Graf had both wished to open a lace industry but had no time to give to it.

Started One at Mardin

This fall it seemed possible for me to do it and Dr. Thom agreed to capitalize so this week Monday we opened. Our plan was to work with twelve or fifteen if as many applied, teach them the stitch and then if possible work gradually up to employing a larger number.

Our room was ready, a teacher engaged and a dozen white aprons waiting to be donned. Twenty-five girls came and we were happy over such a splendid beginning.

Tuesday my roll showed forty names, and Wednesday I had to stop at fifty-six and begin a waiting list. The numbers exceeded all our expectations and in place of old women whom we expected to have, there came only girls between the ages of twelve and twenty. These girls are "old maids" in this country of early marriages.

Poverty Is Universal

We found all, with a few exceptions, in most pitiful circumstances. There is universal poverty because of government oppression and in many cases it is extreme. Many have little or nothing to provide for the winter.

One mother brought two girls to learn lace making, twelve and fourteen years of age. I told her I had no place now; that there were more in our one room than ought to be but possibly later I could find a place. "We have no wheat for the winter," the mother pleaded, "Last week we sold our "hafe" (a thick quilt used for a bed) for mejidi (80 cents) and I have bought a little wheat with that but there is nothing but starvation for us this winter." The appeal was strong and I told her to bring them Monday morning and I would find some room for them. Immediately, with true demonstrativeness, she fell on her knees. "Allah be praised. May he extend your days. Allah be praised," she repeated over and over.

This is but one case. Many tell similar stories. Spinning has been the chief employment of these girls and their wages about one cent a day. But there is little or no work to be had, wheat is very high and many families are leaving the city.

Three Cents Per Day

We pay these girls nearly three cents a day and teach them lace making. When they have learned, they can earn from two to three piasties a day (eight to twelve cents). We shall buy the work and it is for this we want to find a market in America, and this same work has met with wonderful success in Oorfo and Harpoot and also I believe in Van and Bitlis north of us. Oorfa markets all her lace work in England, I think.

We shall make lace doilies of all kinds, singly or in sets; handkerchiefs with needle lace edge and with or without drawn work in corners. Narrow lace edging for baby clothes, all widths in edging or insertions; drawn work collar and cuff sets with needle lace edge or plain; also any kind of crocheted lace if there is any demand for it, and work in tatting of all kinds, doilies, medallions, yokes and long cuffs for their dresses.

Industrial Work Means Much

We do want to make this a success for the opening of an industrial work here in Mardin will mean much to the people. Will the church do all it can towards making a market for us in South Framingham?

When the girls are able to do salable, work they work in their homes and new girls take their places in the school. So we hope to extend the work and give employment to perhaps a hundred or more women.

We had one pitiful case during the week. A girl of perhaps twenty and almost totally blind. I told her I could not give her work but she insisted in remaining. "If I hold the work close to my eyes I can see" she said I finally compromised by telling her she might remain until noon and watch the others work. This she did and it would have brought tears to any eyes to see her sitting and peering at the other girls and longing in her own heart to be able to do the work. She went away at noon and I have not seen her since.

Question All Closely

Of course we have to question them all closely for there are many who would impose upon us. We enjoyed one very independent girl of fourteen years who applied. She was barefooted and had on a much patched apology for a dress. Are you poor?" I sked, for sometimes these patched clothes are worn to deceive us. "Well," she said, watching us closely to see if there was a chance of her being accepted, "I am not rich." Which answer the committee enjoyed very much.

Stanley is going to take a picture of the school or "factory" as it is called here and we shall send you the result. Please remember us at all times and pray for the success of this new industrial opening. Stanley joins me in love for all the home people. Will you share this letter as you think best that all may have word of our new work. As soon as have samples ready I shall send them.

With cordial greetings from us both to our church, I remain,

Yours in the work of Christ,

JEANNETTE WALLACE EMRICH

Mardin-Turkey-
Oct. 10-1909.

Mrs. Emrich

Mardin, Turkey.

April 1st, 1907.

To the friends of the Mardin Mission:-

With the beginning of this month we "step into" the second quarter of the year. Our work has gone steadily on since the opening of the year and a great measure of health has been granted us all.

Spring is with us and the almond trees are in bloom. Our vases are filled with the early flowers - violets, anemones, daffodils and wild hyacinths. The winter is as long in leaving us as the proverbial caller who says, "Well, I must be going," and then stands and chats at the door for two hours more. Yesterday he sent a flurry of snow and hail, and dropped the thermometer below freezing, just to let us know that he doesn't at all approve of spring becoming master of ceremonies.

But today because the sun is urging us to come out of doors perhaps you would like to take a walk around the mission premises and see some of our work and talk with some of our workers.

This first building to which we come is the "kerhana" or factory. It's an imposing name for such a small room, but we hope some day to have a building that will do honor to the name. We have one hundred and ten workers though there are only seventy in the room today. If the girls sat in chairs in good American fashion the room would not accomodate them, but fortunately they can sit cross-legged on the floor as every Turk can and so occupy a minimum of space. Their work is very dainty and they improve constantly in cleanliness and accuracy. These people have to be educated to the point where they can see dirt. To wash one's hands is entirely unnecessary, only a tiresome à la Franga ~~custom~~ the: it isn't well to copy for it uses up the soap too fast. When the lace was pronounced too dirty they were much surprised. "Can't you wash it?" was the query. But now they know what clean work and what perfect work is and if sometimes they fail to

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understand, the deduction of a piastre or two from the price per teaches them. The success of this work depends of course on the market we can find for it. So far the outlook has been most encouraging and we hope that as the number of workers increase here in Mardin the demand for their work will increase in America.

The lace-makers are girls ranging in age from twelve to twenty years. They earn from a piastre (four cents) to two piastres a day, a very good wage for a girl here. Prayers are held each morning for fifteen minutes, conducted by teachers from the Girls' High School, and twice a month by our native pastor. Classes in reading follow, and after that white aprons are donned and the lace-making begins. You would like to look in on the class of thirty-five or more who meet for Bible study with Miss Graf at twelve-thirty. When a girl has learned to read readily she joins this class. Syrians, Armenians and Protestants all sit on the floor in front of Miss Graf studying the life of Christ. This feature of the work is one of the most encouraging and we hope for blessed results from it.

We have made a long visit at the "kerhana" but perhaps you enjoyed watching the girls. They look contented and happy at their work and their fingers fly very rapidly.

Just a short walk across the yard and we come to the Girls' High. The little girl we passed was one of the orphans. Mr. Dewey has charge of that work in Mrs. Thomie's absence.

The classes are in session at the Girls' School but we can go over the building. Miss Fenenga, the Principal is patiently waiting for additional rooms. You can see how inadequate the quarters are. The large, hexagonal pillar, several feet through makes this assembly room anything but satisfactory, cutting off as it does the sight of quarter of the room. If this room could be used as a dormitory it would do very well and would also relieve the crowded condition down stairs where the girls now sleep. Through the kindness have as their room what you would probably call a good sized closet.

Last week the English Society of the Girls' High gave us a very pleasant program. The first and second classes and teachers from the Boys' High had been invited. When I went over to the school in the afternoon I found Miss Fenenga trying to work out the knotty problem of seating them. "Now wouldn't it be just fine," she said, "if we had our big, new room and I didn't have to crowd people together in this fashion." I agreed most heartily as you would have if you could have seen the problem with which she was struggling. Stated in mathematical terms it would read something like this "If I have a box full of sardines and I have fifty more sardines given me, how can I pack them all in one box?" You can see that there is but one solution and that is to enlarge the box.

After a look at the Boys' High, the Preparatory School and the Hospital, we will go into the city and see the little ones in the kindergarten. The Hospital has been closed for nearly three weeks while our doctor was on a trip to Midyat, a large village two days journey from Mardin. The proceeds of an eight lira operation was given to the lace industry and helps towards paying off the debt we were obliged to contract in starting the work. Medical work is but one part of what the doctor has to do when he goes to one of our villages. There are usually church difficulties, disagreements among the members and a dozen other things that have to be looked after. A medical man in Turkey ought to be a combination of doctor, trained nurse and philosopher with some of Solomon's wisdom thrown in and much of Job's patience. He needs them in his business.

You are wondering if these narrow alley-ways through which we pass on our way to the kindergarten are the Mardin streets. Yes they are and after once experiencing them with their thick mud and filth one does not care about describing them. We may meet half-clothed children or pitiful looking beggars, but we are sure to see dogs. All animals in Turkey are pitiful looking objects. I sometimes think that the cruelty of the Turk to animals is a

criterion of his cruelty to his fellow-men.

The old Mardin Castle towers over the city in a most majestic way. Last week when Pres. Riggs of Harpoot College and Mr. Hawes, the English Consul from Diabekir were our guests, we took a trip up there. But a trip to the Mardin Castle is a story by itself.

Another turn and we are at the kindergarten and a most interesting place it is. Just at present an epidemic of hooping-cough is going through the ranks. Every few minutes a small one retires to finish his "hoop" in the yard. No one thinks of staying at home. The children will all have it anyway and why not come to the kindergarten. Protection from disease is an unheard of thing.

The kindergarten "circle" has to be oval-shaped because the room is small and the children many. How solemn they all look! That is because they are over-awed by visitors. Then too they are small miniatures of their fathers and mothers. They look as if they were playing at being grown up. Perhaps they will sing a song in English for you. You may wonder what "happy grinting" is, but if you are wise you will understand that it is a "happy greeting" they are wishing you while they make a most respectful little salaam which you must be sure and return.

The three kindergartners who are with Miss Graf have their training work each afternoon. All the work has to be given by translation for there are no text books to draw on. Some of the girls show great aptitude for the work, and how happy they and their teachers will be when they go out to open kindergartens of their own in the villages. What a blessing to the starved childhood to which they go!

Our senior missionary, Mr. Andrus, took a five days trip to Nisibin and vicinity about ten days ago in company with Pres. Riggs. They stopped at several places where there were interesting ruins, and returned much refreshed by the short trip. To let go of one's work so for a brief time is like taking a new breath. It gives

one added impetus to go on.

The work among the women and in the city is carried on by Mrs. Dewey and her daughter. Personal work among the Bible women is done, as well as visiting in the homes and holding weekly meetings.

Each worker has his share and what a joy it is when we see results following our efforts.

We have only been over the mission premises today and seen the work in general. Perhaps some day you would like to go to the homes and see some individual cases. There are some interesting and pathetic sights I can assure you.

With Christian greetings from all the members of the Mardin station to all its friends.

Yours in behalf of the work,

Jeannette Wallace Emrich.

Agnes Fenenga 199.

New York. Oct 5, 1907

Dear Dr Smith:- Have a few minutes before starting for the boat will use it in writing you a few lines.

Enjoyed my trip on the Priscilla. Miss H. Andrus met me at 7.45.

Was vaccinated yesterday. Dr Crayon also took me on a little sight seeing excursion & whether he intended to or no I know not but he gave my lower limbs a good test. Never covered so much distance afoot before in so short a time. Saw some splendid sculpture etc.

Have my passport & every thing arranged alright now I believe.

One of the Secretaries spoke of some special paper I was to use to correspond to you on. I failed to take any. So now could some be sent with the furniture that is yet to be sent to me.

Very sincerely yours

Agnes Fenenga

London. Oct. 18. 1901

Dear Dr. Smith:- We arrived in London 8 P.M. Oct 15. Had pleasant weather & I enjoyed every minute of the voyage. Only marred a very little by the fact that all my baggage was left in New York. It was not at the Massaba docks when the steamer left. Mr. Cincinnus thinks that perhaps it did not come the same day I did by the Fall River line. The baggage came to London by a boat of the same line which left New York that same day but 2½ hours later. It was a swifter boat & so my baggage got to London before I did. Although it came as baggage & not as freight by the steamer in getting a hold of it here in London we were put to a little extra expense.

We had splendid company on board the Massaba. 10 Missionaries of the Presbyterian Board bound for India. All young & jolly made me feel as if I was with my college friends. An Episcopalian missionary lady & her family bound for Japan, Two quite liberal jolly Catholic Priest. & a Salvation Army party.

over!

We are staying with Miss Richardson 16 Torrington Square. Find it very pleasant to be with her + Mrs Andrews.

We leave here Monday Oct 21. At Dover cross the E. de. to Calais then by way of Paris & Turin on to Brindisi where we take a steamer for Alexandria. Stop one night & exchange steamers + coasting along the Asia Minor Coast, arrive in Alexandrette Monday Nov. 4th

Very Sincerely yours Agnes Fenwick

Writing Address & Drawing Room
London Oct. 15, 1901
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Nov. 20. '01. Aleppo, Turkey in Asia

r Dr. Smith:- I suppose Mr. Andrus
as informed you from time to time
to our progress in our journey
vertheless as we are delayed here
a day or so I thought I wo
uld drop you a line.

Our journey was carried out much
we outlined it to you from Tow-
n with the exception of a ten
ys quarantine on the Daphne
the Austrian Lloyd line in
e Harbour of Beirut.

I have enjoyed all of the jour-
ey so far very much, even the
w days in quarantine. Though
e did regret the additional ex-
nse + disliked to see the fair
eather passing by + we not mak-
g any head way in our journey.

We arrived in Alexandretta

Thursday evening Nov. 14th we landed the next morning & were there met by two of Mr. Andrus's men from Mardin. Arrangements were at once made for our departure & we succeeded in starting that same day at noon on our inland journey. We had two carriages one for ourselves & one for our baggage. We arrived here on the evening of Nov 18th & hoped to start this morning but could get no conveyances, hope now to start in the morning. We expect to spend this coming Sunday on the River Euphrates & the following at Diarbekar.

The weather is pleasant & the sky clear. I enjoy the early morning rides. The constellations seem so

beautiful than that I feel re-
repaid for getting up early.
How much more real this da
makes the Bible seem.

Very sincerely yours
Agnes Fenenga.

Dec. 16. 1901. Mardin Turkey in Asia

Dr. Judson Smith,

Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Smith:- You no doubt have received my letter written to you from Aleppo telling you of our safe arrival there. I received your letter of Oct 28th about a week ago & have put off answering it as I have been busy getting settled.

We were delayed in Aleppo until 4 P.M. Nov. 21st. You know wagons are not very common in this country so we had to wait for the spring wagon which was to take us on our journey until it could come back to the city. Our goods were carried in a queer old fashioned springless wagon. Our road from Aleppo on was not so smooth as the macadamized road between it & Alexandretta. Attempts had been made to make a road in places, but where ever possible we found the tract along side of it preferable to the road itself. Mr. Andrus & I walked considerable. This was quite a relief from the jolting from one side of the Araba to the other. And I was very thankful for the exercise too. We usually started by star-light in the morning. You just can not imagine how clear the sky is here. What a beautiful picture the half moon, Venus, Saturn & Jupiter made so near to gather early in the evening during the middle of November!

We spent the second Sunday Nov 24. at Birejik. We had many native callers there in our room

at the Khan + so had a chance to get my ears filled with Arabic. From Birijik on to Diarbekir the road was well guarded and although no robbers came near, our guards did us good service especially Thanksgiving day when our horses just absolutely refused to draw their loads up a steep bank + across a stream just West of Mishonesheah. It was almost dinner time + it would have been very difficult for us to get any help from our friends, the Kurds; but the soldiers marched out 15 men + had them help us into the village with out a murmur or a cent of pay. And although it was rather late when we got our little iron beds put up in the dirty little 7 x 9 room + our table spread on one of them + our rolls of bedding arranged for seats we had a very enjoyable thanksgiving dinner. Mr. Fryer had given us a package when we left Beirut + told us not to open it until our thanksgiving dinner. We had speculated frequently as to what it might contain + had come to the conclusion that it must be either turkey or plum pudding, then imagine our surprise to find both the boned turkey + the Plum pudding. A cheerful charcoal fire in our brazier some nuts to roast + an appetite not at all diminished by the usual bill of fare of rice + native food what more could one wish for a thanksgiving feast? We two were as thankful a party as perhaps usually gather about a thanksgiving board. And we truly had much to be thankful for to have come so far in safety + comparative com-

fort on our journey.

During the next two days we made a special effort to cross stony old Karagadrch's left shoulder over its many fine stone bridges spanning its deep cuts to reach Diarbekir in time to spend the Sabbath. At about 2 P.M. Sat. Nov. 28 we were met by Dr. Sheppard and others and an hour later we were comfortable seated in Baron Tomas; the English Consul's dragoman, commodious & comfortable guest room.

We heard Dr. Sheppard preach in Armenian in the morning. I was up in the gallery seated on a mat on the floor and as I could neither understand nor see the Dr. I wandered much in my thoughts. One of the thoughts that came to me was could we women in America sit so quietly and apparently attentive for an hour on the floor without any support for our back not able to see the preacher & the little ones with us needing attention?

The hundred little orphans whose parents have come to so sad an end moved me very much. Wondered then if some of our friends in America could see these would they not gladly do something themselves something that they might in that help one of these poor little folk in some way.

From Diarbekir on Tues. Andrus came in Moffas Nov. & Andrus & I on horse back. We now had no wagon to obstruct our view so that we could enjoy to the fullest extent the great moss covered stones on the one

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side + the Tigris on the other. The motion too of the horse was much easier than that of our wagons but of course it had its disadvantage for we were freely exposed to the rain. Mrs. Andrus was quite sick ~~to~~ from Diarbekir on that made the rain seem so much harder. She has not yet fully recovered. We were met by a large delegation of horseback's then man afoot then the Boys High school with their banner of "Welcome" in English + then the Girls High School with their "On ward Christian Soldiers" some distance out side the city wall of Mardin. I should say about 3 P.M. Wednesday Dec 4th we entered Mardin the city on a mount with it great castle looming down ~~of~~ over the city from the very summit + where the terrace like arrangement makes the south houses top this north neighbors front yard.

Our two high schools seem to be flourishing although they sadly lack help. Am much pleased with the looks of the students + our school buildings.

I have just about finished settling in my own pleasant rooms was at first entertained at Dr + Mrs. Dewey where I still board. Have made a start on the Arabic. Dr. Dewey supervising my instruction + have a native man + a native woman as instructors.

We have had some very pleasant + helpful station meetings + a yes an other Thanksgiving dinner. Do you wonder that I have gained quite flesh since coming here?

Thank you for your kind words in your letter I shall earnestly strive to make the most of my time + opportunity.

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Dear Mr. Barton:- Some months have elapsed since your letter of encouragement & good will came to me. Have neglected answering for the reasons that other members of our station have been in regular correspondence with you, & that I haven't had nothing of importance to write. I have not now either but my conscience compels me to write you if only to let you know that I am truely grateful for your interest expressed for me in your letter.

This year has been full of strange & varied experiences for me so I have not been at a loss what to write to my other correspondents but judging you to be a very busy man & besides being acquainted with all Turkey's very peculiar ways & customs I have not had the same incentive with you. I have had no special connection with the work for my chief business has been to study. The little work I have done has been as follows. From the 1st I have had the English writing & for the last 3 months of the school year had the English Class, translation & reading, which Mrs. Dewey

gaveung shortly before her departure. I have enjoyed that class very much. It made me work, of course, for it is one thing to put Arabic into English + quite another to put English into Arabic. You remember I suppose from your school days that in the foreign languages the Prose Composition was always the hardest part of a lesson. I wrote my first Arabic letter last week you can see a sample of my Arabic in the "to America" on the envelope. I read slowly as yet especial the unvowled. Can carry on a conversation if simple language is used, best with my teachers + with those whom I have been in the habit of speaking. ~~with~~. I have enjoyed the study of the language immensely but have so far just a beginning + so your "congratulations after I have mastered it" must be delayed for a while. Indeed, I fear, altogether for I have never heard about one foreigner who has mastered the Arabic to their own satisfaction. Mr. Drury who had such a fine hold did not consider that he had mastered it. By the way -

you just can not know how much I miss Mr. & Mrs. Dewey. You know I boarded with them from my first arrival up to the last day of their stay here. They made it so exceedingly pleasant for me & were such a help to me in many ways. Especially in getting me started with the language. We always spent a short time each evening in translation & reading which was a great supplement to the lessons of my Arabic speaking teacher.

Our very small circle has been just now happily increased by the coming of Miss Steele, a niece of Mrs. Thom. I had looked forward with much pleasure to the coming of Dr. & Mrs. Dewey & the Misses Graf & Pratte this fall.

I wonder if a Miss Ina Imax formerly of Yankton, S. Dak. now of Plainview Neb. is corresponding with the "Board" in regard to work in the Foreign Feild. She is a real true ax. & I can not help but hope that she may be assigned to Mardin.

We are at our Garden now & have been for some weeks. I believe all are profiting by the fresh & cool air of

our cosy little nook here. Then too the rest & change is very welcome. I myself am as strong & healthy as one can well be so do not need the rest but enjoy the change & rest too does no harm while I am undergoing acclimatation so Dr says. Mrs. Andrus, Miss Steel & I explore some new place just about each evening. We three enjoy riding horseback which helps to vary the monotony & gives us at the same time some splendid exercise. I inclose two photos kind Thom took of our Seniors. They are not very clear but you will be able to judge by them what a nice group of young people our schools graduated this year. I am sure I shall miss the girls very much this year.

Yours most Faithfully
Agnes Fenenga.

Rec'd JAN 27 1903
Ans'd FEB 12 1903

Mardin Turkey in Asia. Dec. 29. 1902.

Rev. Mr. James L. Barton.
Boston Mass.

Dear Mr. Barton:- Thank you for your kind letter of Oct. 9th. I have not hastened to reply for know you must be busy & that your time is to valuable to be taken up with letters which have no special import feel I must write now, however, so as not to close the year with it unanswered.

This year, now so near its close, has been very long when I think of the many new experiences that have been crowded into it; yet, it has been all too short, when I think of how little I have really accomplished & how very brokenly I speak the Arabic. I now share in the school work to some extent, have three Arabic-English class, the English writing, and the physiology class; twice a week have gymnastics with the girls & take my turn with Mrs. Andrus + the native teachers in conducting the morning opening exercises. Have so far not felt able to pray in the Arabic language & so have had

to call on some one else to perform that part of the morning exercises. I am also quite sure that no one but the girls, who are used to me + are so patient with me, could understand my talks. The Arabic-English classes are not difficult to teach + I am sure are a great benefit to me, the physiology class is altogether in Arabic + an unusually hard vocabulary at that so it makes me study to prepare my lessons, therefore helpful also. It is at the same time a pleasure for the 11 girls in it are bright + have their lesson generally without exception; good materials for illustrations + experiment are easily procured which adds much to the interest.

The work of the school is progressing nicely, have been no serious difficulties, with the exception of a series of small thefts at the beginning of the term. The guilt of which we were unfortunately able to prove on no particular individual although we had strong suspicions.

We are to have vacation Jan. 1st + 2nd. which seems short but is thought long enough,

since it is impossible for any of them to go to their homes. It did seem rather peculiar, though, to have school on Christmas day the same as usual. Wednesday Dec. 31st. at the close of school we are planning to have a Christmas tree, or rather ladder, decorated with candles etc. & on which there will be a present for each student.

Yesterday our Sunday school closed its year, and instead of the usual order there were speeches reports election of officers, and the distribution of the 104 prizes for regular attendance during the year. Last week I sent, through our treasurer, to the A. B. C. F. M. one Turkish pound from our Young Womans Christian Endeavor Society. This they wish devoted to the work in China. It seems a small gift but it is made up of "widow's mites" & with the united pray that it may be multiplied & do much good. This is one half of the sum raised by them for the year, all by systematic giving. And it is really pitiful to take the 1/4th cents from some of them, and

yet I know it is just this spirit which helps them. One of the girls who helped to contribute was just in to see me I asked her why her younger sister did not come to meeting & she said it was because she had no "sheet" to cover her or solos on her feet. There is much need & poverty here. The Society has given of the other half, $1.25 to Koordistan work, $1.00 to keep a poor girl in the day school in the city & the rest is to go to some very poor people.

Our six city schools all have a good attendance & the teachers seem to be doing well. I have just distributed, as a gift from Mrs. Drury, pretty bright colored card to the six teachers to be given by them to their pupils Wednesday as a new years gift.

We have had some snow here now two days in succession so the ground is white. Judging from the blackness of our mail they must have had a heavy fall between here & Constantinople. Wishing you all success for the New Year I remain yours most sincerely

Agnes Fenenga.

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Rec'd SEP 12 1904
Ans'd DEC 10 1904

Marding Turkey in Asia.

August 13. 1904.

Dear Dr. Barton:- Please forward the enclosed letter to Miss Walles.

A short time ago I sent you two reports one of them being for the W.B.M. I suppose you have received them, we never feel very sure about our mail here.

We are still resting & enjoying ourselves at our "Rocky Rest" but I expect to go to the city Sept 1st & begin preparing for the coming year. We are very happy to be able to employ all the young women graduates of this years class. One was married & one goes to teach in Aleppo the other seven have all been assigned to work in our own field.

Word has just come to us of the death of Miss Kelsey of Bagdad from Cholera, also of the death of two of Mr. Jummer's children from dysentery. The Cholera is very severe in the villages about Mosul but not in Mosul itself. We do hope Miss Martin can get away before a quarantine is estab-

blished. She is the only missionary at Mosul & expects to go to England in the Fall.

Very sincerely Agnes Franga.

Franga, Agnes
Aug 13-1904

Rec'd NOV 7 1904
Ans'd DEC. 10 1904

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Mardin Turkey in Asia,
Oct. 10. 1904.

Dear Dr. Barton:- Just before receiving your July 28th letter I had sent you my school report & therefore thought it just as well not to reply to your letter until after school had begun again. We were late in beginning school this year owing to the delay in caravans bringing us our two teachers & half of the pupils. We did have school one day with the one teacher present & the pupils from the city, however school has now been going on for two weeks in its usual order. We this year have all the time of three teachers which makes it much easier to plan for the work than last year when we tried to get along with two teachers & student help for the greater part of the time. Mrs. Andrus continues to have two classes. Mars Thom has one & I have four, two of them are English classes, one a Bible class & the other Ancient history. The last especially will help to widen my Arabic vocabulary since it is something I have so far not studied in the Arabic. My plan is to teach

Mardin, Turkey

one new study each year. I do not seem to be able to help the teachers much in a study until after I have taught that particular study. My knowledge of the Arabic is still scant. We have 5 less pupils than last year, but still plenty. We were so crowded last year as it is one class must recite either in mine or the school sitting room. We do so need an extra recitation room & also a wood room. During the summer we have had our kitchen replastered, a new stove put in & all the wood work & the one home window made as clean as water soap & much scrubbing could make them. Such an improvement are last year. The old stove smoked everytime we had a fire in it so the walls were as black as ebony & the girls' eyes unfit for use for some time after they finished cooking. The stove put in was the one the Larkins brought out. It was sold to me for 4 liras. The Y. W. C. A. of Yankton College gave me 3½ liras towards it.

I hope a year from now we will have the pleasure of welcoming Mrs Dwyer &

and her daughter Mr. Doris Graf is kept too busy with her superintending of the city schools besides her kindergarten. The city schools have improved wonderfully since her return but it seems to me it is rather to much for her though she seems to keep well. We weighed the other day & she weighed 134 pounds which is quite enough for her height. I was 13-14.
I have reopened my S. School in the other side of the city & also a new one on the way. There were 50 present at each last sunday & all present seemed to be interested. Thanking you for your kindly interest in me I am yours
Most cordially Agnes Iwanya.

Mardin, Turkey

Oct. 10, 1904

Rec'd MAR 17 1905
Ans'd MAY 8 1905

Mardin, Turkey in Asia, Feb. 14.'05.

Dear Dr. Barton:— Thank you for your kind and encouraging letter of Dec 12.'04.

Our new semester of school has been but just begun, the old students all but two have returned + one has been added to the roll of last term, one of Miss Graf's kindergarten teachers who comes to finish the six months she lacks of completing her course in our school. So that we now have six in our Senior class. We have just had a very sad occurrence in our school. Saturday while the teachers + some of the students were repairing students' books they found in an English book belonging to one of the seniors a translation of that part of the book we had studied last term. It was not in her hand writing but in that of one of the boys of the last year's class in the boys' High School. When she returned to school Monday morning she confessed to asking this young man to translate it for her but when I told her that now she must go home until

we sent for her she began to cry & asked "Why, what have I done?" I then asked her what I had told the students about getting help in their lessons, & she said that I had said that no one was permitted to have any outside help with their lesson not even so much as the translation of a single word. I have repeated this over and over again & all the students as well as she acknowledged remembering it. The trustees have suspended her for a week which certainly is little enough punishment. From reports I judge she is very sorry that she has been found out but that she does not at all feel the sin of what she has done nor is repentent. Does it not seem strange that she can not see the awfulness of coming before me & acting that lie day after day. At present it seems almost impossible for me to meet her face to face again when her work at home is finish but of course God will give me the needed strenght.

All things are not so gloomy & dis-

courraging, however. The spirit is very perceptibly working in our school. Several have deeply felt the need of a Saviour. At the Girls' C. E. Society an hour & a half was spent last Sunday in very earnest testimony & prayer. The previous week we had given out such questions "What will you do with Jesus?" "Who is your dearest friend?" "What must you do to be saved?" "Are you in need of a Saviour?" etc. etc. The questions all had a direct reference & all but three of those who had time to take part answered & testified personally, the three exceptions simply read the question & the assigned reference. We have had so much snow here this year only last week we had such a fall of snow that the streets in the city were practically blockaded. All the snow from the flat roofs is shoveled into the streets. I could not go to my two Sunday Schools on the other side of the city. That is four times we have been prevented from going this winter & last year we never missed. As a consequence the attendance at the S.

schools is not so good either. I think our average attendance at the one is about 45 & at the other 40. My native helpers in these schools have been very faithful. One young man has missed only once and one of the young women only twice or thrice when she was sick. Small pox are virulent in the city. All our student have been vaccinated & so have we. I am very happy that our station has at last consented to welcome Mrs. Dwight & daughter or if the board decides to send her, which I hope & pray they surely will. It is difficult for me to see why our older missionaries should be so reluctant to have former missionaries return to the work for which they seem so suited judging from what some say. I should think their having a working knowledge of the Arabic language would offset many little faults. Perhaps new missionaries coming out might have these faults & others. Of course I am new my self & may see things in a different light after a while. Very sincerely Agnes Jennings.

Mardin, Turkey
Feb. 14. 1905

Rec'd AUG 6 1906
Ans'd OCT 5 1906

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Interior Turkey in Asia

July 10 1906.

Dear Dr Barton:- Inclosed please find my school report for the year. I hope it will come in time but fear that it may be late. We have had our time so taken up lately with helping Mrs. Thom to prepare for her journey home. Now however she is just about ready & hopes to start Monday next. Dr. Thom and I expect to accompany her to Diarbekir. I am looking forward with much pleasure to that trip. It will be so delightful to visit my girls in their homes in Diarbekir & Karabash, Kutturbul & Kaabir. We may have the good fortune also of meeting Harput friends in Dr. Dill enjoy the trip above the others for I have just become the possessor of a nice black pacer. I have been without a horse for six months now. Of course I have had rides but none of the friends have such a fine horse as mine is now. The I had to pay only 6½ Turkish liras for him. Mr. and Mrs. Emrich, Miss Steele & I went to

Dear Sadie this morning we started at 3 o'clock & reach the dare just as the sun shot its first rays over the hills. We were very hungry when we got home at 8.30. The old munk did give us each an adger. But ~~a~~ adgers without salt are not very ~~pat~~ appetizing to me.

Very sincerely your friend
Agnes Freeman.

Hardin - Turkey - July 10 - 1906.

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Foreign Quarterly Letter, Kuchin Station Oct.-Dec. 1906

Kind Friends. In the third quarterly letter we were informed that the "enigration fever" so prevalent in our sister stations had at last struck our region and we are now so, to have to impart that it was not an acute attack. The fact is that we who in former years could furnish helpers to other tracts of waking missions are now sadly crippled for want of teachers and preachers. In Oct. a young woman teacher, three Bible women and a number of young men left their work, some hardly waiting to have their resignations accepted, so that at our recent co-operation meeting we were at a loss to know how to fill the many vacancies. Along with this scarcity of laborers new openings were reported by Mrs. and Miss Drury on their return from their months tour in the mountains.

We have a goodly number in the senior classes of our high schools but of these we expect two young men and five young women only to remain as workers in our field. It was therefore thought wise to plan to fill some of the vacancies by Christian men and women willing to become helpers even tho not possessed of the desired amount of learning, and also to turn over some of the boys' schools to young women teachers thus leaving some of the young men free to take up work in new places. We trust that when Mr. Andrews becomes at liberty to tour more students will be brought

our schools & so more workers be prepared but even then, we fear, we may not be able to keep our girls from us unless we raise the salaries and thus stop the desire to migrate. Few students will also come to the Boys' High School from the school at the Monastery. 36 pupils are now enrolled there and judging from the mutual good feeling it will become a feeder to our High School.

Miss Graf continues her Sunday School work with great zeal. She keeps up S. Schools in two near by villages and tho the full 100 do not come the alternate Sundays she is absent yet it is encouraging that an average of 70 attend those Sundays. Mr. Emrich too has a good S. School in one of the wards of the city with an average attendance of 50. The two other S. Schools in other wards have an average attendance of between 80 and 90 tho this in one place would be much larger had we a suitable place for the men.

We have long felt the need of a lace industry and so you may know that we were all rejoiced to have Mrs. Emrich undertake this work. There are now some 100 women and girls on the roll. Some have learned to do good work, but as yet the enterprise is hardly self supporting, however should our friends all come to the rescue and furnish us with a market we could soon hope to be clear of debt. Poverty is so rife and these girls are being helped to support themselves

selves but we trust that this is a certain proof that they are being helped for all whether Syrians, Catholics or Druzes are obliged to attend the morning prayer service as well as one of the reading classes and as a consequence some ten girls have become regular attendants at the young women's C. E. Society.

The little ones of the kindergarten had a beautiful day for their treat. The exercises were good. The tree was prettily decorated with little gifts made by the children for parents and teachers. We were glad to have the two members of the cooperation committee living at a distance present and became imbued with a desire to establish kindergartens in their respective villages.

The Young Men's Society also had a Xmas tree. They had instead of the usual exercises a play showing the evil effects of keeping bad company. This play was well acted and much enjoyed by the many guests including thirty prominent men of the Jacobite community.

The English Club, made up of the city teachers and the teachers and the more advanced students of the Girls High School gave a dinner Dec. 22nd. to the missionaries and some English speaking natives. The dinner was served a la Francais and an English program rendered while we were at the table. The third class girls wearing white aprons and caps waited on the table. The whole affair was so novel that it was enjoyed

more than the usual Xmas entertainment.

However for the missionaries the holidays were stripped of all their joy and gladness by the departure to the better land of our dear, sweet, little station baby, Philip Emrich. He had been with us only nine months and we did so wish him to stay longer. You at home cannot realize how hard it was for us to part with the one love babe. You cannot know how during his three weeks illness we hoped and prayed even tho there was so little to encourage that God would spare him to us & his parents. The little one showed a brave fight in the words of a reviewer, he gained his Gettysburg but met his Bull Run. Of course the dear Father did not take little Phillip until he had completed his little mission and there may not fully realize that that was, we believe, we know in part. We believe that the little child has drawn us nearer to our heavenly Father, nearer to one another, and made us more fully appreciate the kindness and true worth of our medical associate. We do not like to think about next summer and Winter when we shall be left several days journey from a physician.

And now, dear friends, we hope that 1897 will be filled with happiness and blessings and draw us one and all nearer to our common Friends and Master.

Yours in behalf of the station Agnes Fenenga.

Board Report
Dec. - Dec. 1896

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Mardin, Turkey in Asia, Aug.20,'07.

Dear Miss Calder:-

I am sending you a copy of the letter which I supposed accompanied the vote for $1200. I hope it will explain to you our need. The school's need could for the present be met by that sum, but as we have to look to the good of our whole station we find that it would be unwise and very uneconomic to begin enlargements even with the sum of $1200. Before this you will have received the annual school report and will have learned that we have set our hearts on securing $6000. When I explain this sum will not seem so large to you, for as I look at it we still should have to ask for but $1200 for the High School; the rest of the $6000. would be provided by the transfer of the present school rooms from the W.B.M. to the A.B.C.F.M., and by the funds for the kindergarten rooms. The school as you know at present occupies half of a large double house. The other half is occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Andrus. Though the half we occupy was originally built by the W.B.M. for a school, yet it would make a good missionary residence, and a family residence is needed as soon as Dr. and Mrs. Thom return to us. Rooms for the Kindergarten are also greatly needed; then why not build this new school, including High and Kindergarten, and let the missionary family have our present rooms, which do not meet our needs but would theirs? Does that not seem a much wiser plan than for the High School to build its addition, the Kindergarten to build its new rooms, and the A.B.C.F.M. build a new missionary residence?

I wish that you could procure an interview with Dr. and Mrs.Thom; they could make things plainer to you by word of mouth I am sure.

Surely there must be some lovers of missions who can help us out in this dire need. Please believe that we must have more room and that we have prayerfully and earnestly considered what we ask for.

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Mardin-Turkey. Aug. 20-1907.

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Mardin, Turkey in Asia
Jan 21. 1908.

Dear Dr. Barton: Is it possible for me to begin my furlough in July ~~of~~ this year? I sailed from America Oct 5. 1901 and arrived in Mardin Dec 4. of the same year. I know that my furlough will hardly be due but we usually do very little work in the three vacation months and it would be disagreable travling in December.

I do not feel that I deserve a vacation nor do I need one for my own sake. My plan until recently had been to ask for my furlough to begin in July 1909 but on account of my father it would seem that I ought to go home earlier.

My father is 75 years old and since the marraige of my youngest sister some three months ago he has had only my youngest brother with him. There is a possibility of my brother marrying soon but according to friends this would not lessen the urgent call for me to come home. However looking at the

need here, the money the board has expended on me, & the short time I have been able to be of any use at all I should feel called upon to stay at least one more year should my brother marry & thus provide a home for father.

In my correspondence with him I notice that he seems to grow more restless & discontented, this is especially true of the last six months. I suppose due mostly, to the burning of our home & the marriage of my sister. He seems to feel compelled to travel much, infact this wandering habit seems to have become a disease. He is not very strong and the last news I have he was sick in bed with a severe attack of bladder trouble. The call to go home seems so urgent & of course were I had home I would not for a moment think of leaving father but I am clear that quite altered things & I dont know what to do. What do you advise? I know God does not want me nor need me in two places at one time & if he will only make his will plain to me

to me I shall be ready to do as she bids. I trust that the will let you be instrumental in making his will plain to me therefore I shall make no move to ask the station or Mission to grant me a furlough until you advise me to do so.

Thanking you in advance for the time & thought you give this.

Very sincerely Agnes Fenenge.

Rec'd MAY 1 1908

Ikardin March 19. 1908

Dear Doctor: I have just returned from dosing the girls. Seven of them including Mr. Raheel have the dengue. Mr. Raheel seems to be rather worst, every joint in her body aches. I made him of her for taking it so hard. It is nearly 8 P.M. but were you here I think I should call & consult you, however they all seem to get better on a dose of salts & several doses of quinine. Some I have given sweats, but it is hardly worth while telling you about it as you can't help me any way.

We had a station meeting tonight. We voted to help Miss 15 liras from the surplus fund to build a chapel, school & teachers room. We also appointed Mr. Andrus to ask permission to build the new rooms for the Drways & to rebuild a part of our school yard wall that fell down two days ago. It is the old wall that remained near the big gate. Mr. Andrus returned from Kisibin yesterday a few hours before they brought Barsom. He has none of the money with him & when asked he said he had hid 25 liras among the rocks & today he was taken out under guard to search for the money but could not find it. Mr. Andrus is going to try to have a private talk with him tomorrow & see if he can get at the truth.

Dear Doctor, please accept our hundred and fiv
thanks for the one hundred & fiv dollars. Mr.
Raheel, Sara K. & I are writing to Mrs Crosby, Mr. Merr
& Howard & Mrs. Hides & Mr. Murrin, Lucy & I to
Mrs. Goodwin. Did you ever enquire whether the
Old Colony Branch will let us have the $450
for the new building? I wrote to ask but have
never had an answer. Did you get the estimate
I had Mr. Abdulahad make? Judging by his esti
mate & yours too we must need quite $600. or so
then we may need to buy some ground so as to
have a bigger yard.

I had a letter from the Ainsleys saying the
they had sent you $25.00 for the organ. $25 = 61
piasters that plus 467 piasters that I have paid to
Mr. Andrus = 1080 piasters or 10 liras the amou
we bargained for is it not? The organ is doing
good service & it is a great relief to me not to
have the continual drumming in my ears.
Lucy Thomas had a relative of hers of Diarbekir o
her today. He is a teacher & plans to be a priest
some time. He seemed to be interested in the scho
& has invited Lucy to spend the summer vacatio
with them. He says he will come to see her graduate
& then take her with. Lucy says there is no da
ger of them making her marry. What do yo
& Mrs. Wheeler think, shall we let her go f

a visit?

Feb. 24. We had a party at the Emrichs last night to celebrate Mrs. Drury's birthday. We had a Turkey and many goodies as Mrs. Emrichs box from her sister came Saturday. It was stormy so Mrs. Andrus could not come. She seems weaker & all things seem more of an effort to her than ever.

I had a good many letters yesterday but not a word from you friends. Mrs. Thom seems to have gone back on us, on me at any rate. I was grateful for the privilege of reading her letter to you. I am very sorry for poor Mrs. Steele, but surely her son will get better since so much is being done for him. I wonder whether you will see Constance. If you do please tell her that we all thought of her & spoke of her on her birthday. It is on the same day as Mrs. Drury's you will remember. We wished that she could be with us, for our sakes of course not hers, as we know she is happier where she is.

I am glad that you have at last had word from the mags. Thank you for following them up so. I am sorry that they gave you so much trouble. Father is much better tho he too was suffering with dengue. I had a letter yesterday

from him telling us not to come home until in the summer of 1909. I dont know what the sisters + brothers think about it. I wish you could see brother Nelle. It is so unfortunate that you should be in the West when she is in the East. I wonder whether she let you read the letter I wrote to Mr. Barton in regard to my going home. I have had no answer to it yet. It would be a great disappointment to welcome your people here + perhaps never to see you again. Mrs Faul is my sister, Anna who was married in Oct. By this time you must know that the "Fuse" was never put back + that every thing in the church goes on as much as before, but I fear they can have no class in S. S. down stairs until you come. Ali Gorro, the pastor, Hassan his son, Said of Nassau, Abdulnur, Hanna Jiji, + his father are regular attendants at our teachers meetings. I believe Ali Gorro would like to become a paid worker. The basket ball has come. We all send you thanks. Lucy and some of the others are anxiously awaiting letters from you. The material for the graduating dresses came. Thank you, dear Mrs. Thorn for purchasing the cloth for us. I hope that you, Doctor, have found a resting place and are enjoying yourself. Beg is better will have drive today. I tell you she is jolly, I should like to have you

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Mardin, Turkey in Asia,
April 8. 1908.

Dear Dr. Barton: I have received word thru my brother, Dr. J. Fenenga, that you are willing for me to ask permission for a furlough. Thank you sincerely for granting this permission. I have now had word from my father saying that it was my duty to stay here in Mardin until my furlough was really due & that he did not wish me to consider coming home until 1909. So tho some of the sisters & brothers urge my coming as strongly as before I have concluded to do as my father bids and wait until 1909 before asking permission from the mission.

We are very happy to have Dr. Ward & Miss Jacobson with us. They are kept very busy. So many are anxiously waiting for them. We are having an especially hard time in the school, so much sickness mostly due to the damp & cold weather tho two or three more serious cases. We have had to turn the girls' sitting room

into a sick room. To day is beautiful which makes us hope that all will soon be well.

Very sincerely Agnes Fenenga.

Martin Turkey
Apr. 8 1908.

Fenenga

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Jiardin, Mar. 15. 1909

Dear Dr. Barton: Jiardin Station has just voted to allow me $300.00 for my traveling expenses for my return trip to the U.S.A. If that seems reasonable will you please inform the Prudential Com. & ask them to grant that allowance or the sum that seems reasonable to you. Will you also kindly inform Dr. Peck of your action so that he can send that part of the money I shall need here.

My furlough was voted at the meeting of the E. T. M. last year & I believe it was also granted by the Prudential Committee.

I do not feel in an especial need of a rest but no doubt I shall be able to do better work for the change. Besides my father, who has waited for me so patiently till now, is very anxious that I come at once.

I am planning to start as soon after school closes (June 16) as possible. If there are no objections I should like

to go by way of Amsterdam to bring my widowed sister & her 2 children with me to the U. S. C. Of course I shall expect to bear any extra expense I may be put to. We shall most likely land at New York, if so will it be necessary for me to come to Boston? Of course I want very much to see the friends in Boston & would very much like to talk over our school & its needs etc with the W. B. M. ladies but it would be extra expense & do not feel sure that I could leave my sister & family to take the long journey to Dakota alone. We are all very busy, Dr. Thom seems to be especially overburdened & his hospital is full. I have so much sickness among my teachers & one has just been married that I have considerable extra work.

Very sincerely Agnes Fenenga

Agnes Zwemga

Marsden, April 6. 09

Dear Dr. Barton: It was a pleasant coincidence to have your book, "Daybreak in Turkey" come yesterday, my birthday. Thank you heartily & sincerely. I know that we shall all enjoy it. Due to the new regime I was able to make a tour with out guards but for all that it does not seem so much like daybreak here in the interior. It looks as if Kurds & Arabs will still experience some lively times before all is settled. My brother wrote that you will be willing for me to go by way of Amsterdam. Thanks. Greetings to Mrs. Barton. Sincerely & gratefully

Rec'd AUG 25 1909

Scheveningen, Holland
Aug 16. 1909.

Dear Dr. Barton: I arrived in Antwerp Aug 6 & sail from there for Boston Aug 26 on the Marquette of the Red Star line. I had hoped to sail on the steamer of the 12th but all places were taken. I could have had my baggage brought to Rotterdam but would then have landed in New York but thought it best not to do so for I wish to talk over our work with you & the Dr. B. I. I have also a rug & some other things with me for Dr. Emrich in Boston

The I had planned to stay in Holland but a week I find that the longer I remained others are having heavy rains & floods. It is a great pleasure to so many relatives that I had never seen. Thanks in his service, Yours Hengo.

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Dixon, S. Dak. Oct 4. 1909.

Dear Dr. Barton: Today I received the announcement & the "Appeal for Prayer" of the annual meeting to be held at Minneapolis Oct 13-18 & now wonder whether it is to be my good fortune to go! I desire to go, rather long to go as I am so anxious to be built up & refreshed spiritually but fear it is too late to make arrangements. I believe Dr. Thum has arranged for me to be entertained by one of his friends there but the reduced R. R. fare would have to be arranged from Boston, I suppose.

I arrived home a week ago today & have been busy house cleaning since. I find plenty of work here & some of it of the same nature as the work in Mardin.

Father expects to have a sale in about six weeks & we'll then move to some town. I do not know where yet but it will make communication easier wherever it is. We are nearly a days ride from a R. R. station here. The country has changed much & my little Cong. S. S. has grown into a Methodist Church!

How depressing the Mardin letters are!

Does it not seem pitiful that we can not employ all our educated young women when it would seem that so many more are needed. Surely some one will come to the rescue so that our work need not further be cut down. Perhaps the "Appeal for prayer" will awaken the friends to a greater interest in our Mission work & some new blessing fall to the share of Mandalay as well as many other places.

Very sincerely Agnes Fenenga

P. S. Our mail comes quicker by way of Dixon than Iona.

M. M. Foote

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American Mission. Erzroom.
Dec. 4. 1905.

Ans'd FEB 2 1906

Dr. Jas. L. Barton.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of Oct. 25 is befor me. It came during my absence on a fall tour of our nine mks. of which I may be able to tell you more later as I expect to write a report of it for the W.B.M.I. and may send you a copy. Now concerning my travelling expenses to the home land. Would it be possible for the Board to make me a grant of the same amount allowed Miss Bushnell to reach America. I think the Board can trust her - or give me a little less if they think best - but please excuse me from the awful burden of rendering an itemized account in the currency of the different countries - rate of exchange &c. I do not know the amount of Miss Bushnell's expenses but presume it was about an average for getting to America from Erzroom. Would it not be possible to make such an arrangement. If so I shall be so grateful - for I shall probably

have to make the journey alone as we now think of making a tour of the Erzingan and Kemah fields in early summer and my going on from there to the coast. We had a satisfactory work there this fall. In all three of the churches in that region a total of 19 was received into membership at the communion service when Mr. Stapleton came - and almost as many more, expressed a desire, and we hope to receive when we go again - The harvest is white - but the labourers are painfully few. You asked for my "opinion in regard to the work". I do not know whether you meant in a general or particular sense. If it be the first. As you may know I have been a kind of "circulating edition" under the W.B.M.I. ever since I came to Turkey - i.e., filling in gaps while others took their needed furloughs beginning in Mrs of the Central Mission - so have had "no continuing city" and hardly the same line of work two years. In that way I have seen a good part of the field, and I do feel that it is a pity and a shame the

way the work in the Erzroom field is allowed to suffer for want of another missionary family. While in some respects, the work here in the city is not so encouraging as we would like, that is the church seems so cold and falls so far short of its opportunities but the outside work is different. During this year I have spent more than twelve weeks in the villages and Mr Stapleton and I have visited almost every protestant family except in one village and we feel that it has paid, but no man can be in two places at the same time and there is the constant demand for it. We have not yet met the hindrance in the outside work, arising from the Government which Bitlis gives under which suggests another subject under the general topic. Poor Mr Cole I think he has called for help till his voice is growing faint. Is nothing to be done for him: or must he die there calling for help and seeing the work to which he has given so much of his life just dwindle away because he has no longer strength to hold it. We are very

sorry for the state of affairs there. If they are going to make Bithis an outstation of Vani as Urfa is of Aintab - why do they not do it. so some chance of help would come from there. Now if you meant to ask my opinion in regard to the school affairs. None of us with perhaps one exception feel that the present arrangement is for the good of the school. but it seemed the only way to avoid a disgrace to the work before the people. as, when the mission suggested that my work in school be other than that of English tutor. Miss Lord handed in her resignation and ordered a carriage for Tubizond. This was hardly a week before time for the opening of school and would have been inexplain-able to the natives. So the station decided that my services would be more useful in other lines of work. so I with the Bible woman, set out at once on that tour - and as soon as the weather and roads permit in the spring. I hope to make another trip in another direction - and during the five months of winter, do visiting etc in the city and help in the orphanage - and industrial work.

In your letter of last spring you spoke of the necessity of learning the language. I agree with you there. I have seen no place in Turkey where a language was not needed, and in most of the places the knowledge of three or even four would be an advantage. I am not an Armenian scholar as Dr Greene or Dr Barnum, but I can make myself understood usually, and spent a little time on Turkish last winter and hope to continue this winter. after I get somewhat caught up, in the work which has been waiting my return.

I have written at great length for the first time - but you asked my opinion about a subject on which I have strong feeling, and concerning which my opinion is not brief.

Shall send you more particulars of our tour, if you care for it, after I get the report written.

Yours Respectfully
M. Myrtle Foote

Rec'd JAN 15 1906 219.

An account of a tour beginning September 21st. and ending November 24th. in the Erzingan and Kemagh fields from 4 to 6 days from Erzroom.

Erzroom December 14th. 1905.

Dear Home Friends:-

The September days of Erzroom are beautiful and quite tempt one to decide in favor of a tour of the villages tho' just after mid-day the sun is almost unbearably hot. This was my first tour without the presence of a fellow countryman but not my first journey and it required some consideration to bring my courage up to the point of decision, but that point was reached and never regretted. As the journey is to be made on horseback it is necessary to dress for the occasion and see that every thing is firm and substantial for any weakness in dress or temper is sure to be evident by the end of the day. So after the due preliminaries and waitings, for the servant, and horses, and Turkish guard, and last of all my companion, the Bible-woman from this city with her small son, we were started on the nine hours journey of the day. The length of day is not entirely a matter of choice for one must reach a place where accommodations are to be had for the horses, ourselves being of second importance, and all personal comforts being consider luxuries. There were four horses of our party, one for the guard one for myself and the other two carrying loads of bedding and baggage as well as as passengers. After a ride of some five hours, a little long for a pleasure ride, we reached the noon stop which personaly we did not enter but ate our lunch out-side lest we should suffer the disadvantage of receiving more than we gave.

After an hour's rest we started on. By this time the exhilarating joys of horse-back riding were on the decline and the tho't of home comforts steadily rising. But the road streched on unrelenting before us till just sundown. In passing one way-side station several men came out and as our horses drank from the fountain, entertained us with thrilling tales of robbery and strife said to have recently taken place on the road over which we were to pass. But having heard much and seen little of such like, we trac ed this interest in us not to philanthropic motives entirely, but an Oriental desire to increase personal revenues by our night's lodging there, and boldly pressed forward to face the dangers which never appeared.

That night we had a fairly comfortable room in the Khan or hotel but my first work after alighting was to go with the servant to dip cold water on the back of my faithful "Ginger" who had lost quite a tract of nature's covering on a former journey. Seeing that done, I returned to the room to prepare supper and bed. There we met one of my Sunday school pupils who had left us for America four months before but had been detained all this while at the coast at Trebizond and was now with her brother and sister being sent back home by th Government. She is a graduate of our school here so I presented the need of a teacher for a village this winter, but there was a scent of matrimony in the air, so my words fell by the way-side. Before our return she had started off again trying another plan and with fair prospect of success.

The second day was a long one, similar to the first only more wearisome with not so good accomodations at night. The place was well filled before we got there so we had to accept the coffeeroom and put up a shawl for a curtain. The night was rather disturbed at both ends by the coffee crade but in the middle was blissful r t. The next day, Saturday, by noon we reached the city of Baibourt on the Trebizond road, a place where there never ha be any Mission work, rather a thriving city for Turkey, but much given to wine

and dirt, supporting as many as thirty wine shops. We knew of no protestant in the place but went to the home of a prominent Gregorian, who has always been friendly to our people and who now received us most kindly, left his work in the market to come up and assure us that the house was ours, ask for what we wished and do as we would at home. There we were very comfortable but my companion often lamented that we could do no religious work. That evening was the name day of our host, so all his acquaintances in the evening came to congratulate him, the men being received in one room and the women in another. It was not exactly a temperance meeting which convened in the men's room. The next day being Sunday many women came in to see us and in the afternoon we brought out our picture roll on the life of Christ and explained with practical applications to an interested audience few of whom could read. After that we went to the service at the old church. At the sight of a hat a chair was produced for my comfort, the rest of the audience either standing, or sitting on the floor according to their custom. That evening also there were callers. The next day was a church holiday and the schools were closed. As we wished to visit them it was necessary for us to wait till Wednesday. Tuesday morning we visited the bishop of that district, were pleasantly received and had a long conversation about the state of the people, the condition of the church, and the modern translation of the Bible of which he possessed a copy. Later we went to the Girls' school, recently opened, and occupying an old discarded church building the different departments sitting in different corners. Two teachers had arrived the Sunday before from Erzingan to teach kindergarten and fancy work. These are the two chief features of the school. We sent for our picture roll and showed it there to the school with explanations. From there we went to the Boys' school which according to the custom of this country was in every way far superior, in a well lighted, well ventilated building with live teachers&c. Our hostess left us before we reached the boys' school for altho she had a son there, it was not their custom to visit the Boys' school. We were politely received, visited different classes and had an interesting talk with the teachers. Then we went to visit the city's pride, a new flour mill, which turns out a very fair grade of flour, the best I have seen any where in the interior. The ruins of an old castle were also visited. The people pled for help in their girls' school and I wish we might do something for them. We pled that they would send their girl (oldest) to our school here and so prepared a teacher for their own school. But it was of no avail this year. An older brother liked to talk with me of America and his desire to go there, feeling sure that he could lead a better life there. I sent him a translation of In His steps later and hope he may not wait for America before he begins a better life. He seems a bright boy.

The next morning we set out for Erzingan, two and a half days by horse. At noon we stopped in an Armenian village of fair size and were shown to a room. After our lunch I told the "man of ceremonies" to bring his wife and sisters, and we would show some pictures. He said "Women/ What would they know or understand". After some arguments and my standing in front of the picture roll so that he could not well see it he seemed to be persuaded that their understanding was not his responsibility, only to call them, and the room was soon well filled with a mixed audience who listened and looked with an eager interest. But the time was passing and we must go on to Ploor for the night. As we were closing the service we asked if we would not sing just once, which we did and departed

did many entreaties to stay some days with them and tell them more for they had never heard such things The priest did not know them so how could they learn. We continued our journey feeling that our noon rest had been a profitable one. About sundown we reached the village of Pelour which is part Turkish and part Armenian. We were shown to the town guest room over a stable. But this room was just then occupied by a woman and baby with various appertanances and she did not show a friendly spirit on being requested to adjourn to her own quarters, but slowly did so accompanying her movements with various remarks. We told her to come an hour and a half later and bring her neighbors as we could then receive them. After supper the little room was soon filled as at noon by men women and children, again eager listeners. As one man entered the room a woman explained to us "This is our school mistress". The "school Mistress" himself assumed quite an air of importance and endeavored in various ways to show his superior attainments being rather talkative until we began asking him Bible questions, whereupon he rose from his seat on the floor and observe "I know that story. I've heard it" and walked out, my companion assuring him in mild tones "very good make room for some one who has not heard. We had a long service after a busy day but they kept asking us earnest questions and begging us to say more till we were both quite exhausted before the end came. Still one wished to remain but after much persuasion reluctantly went away also. A youth came to see us in the morning and asked me if there was a good man in all of Asia for he had seen none. Here again we were urged to remain longer. Leaving this village we entered a Turkish section where we could do but little in such work. Stopped under some trees under which we ate our lunch at noon while the horses were put in a stable for comfort. Early afternoon found us at Lanemsor, a Turkish village just at the beginning of the ascent over the mountains, but our guard did not wish to make the pass that day as it would belate and there had been a skirmish here just the day before between raiding Kurds and the soldiers in which one man was hurt I think. We found a comfortable room for the night. Soon a fellow traveller, an Armenian woman, came to visit us and a group of Turkish women came and asked if they might see our outfit. Poor things, it is little of the world's interests or beauties they have ever seen. When it was growing dark and bedtime for travellers, our Armenian guest returned to her own room but came back in great fright saying she had found the room occupied by several Turks who had come in and said "Why should she and her attendant have all that room. They might take one corner and this crowd would have the rest", so in fright she returned to us and begged that she be permitted to spend the night with us and this she did.

Shortly after noon the next day we reached Erzingan having to make the long and steep dessent of the mountain on foot. In this city we have a church, preacher and school and here here was to be the scene of our efforts, daily meetings, visits, &c. for two weeks. The friends here were still remembering three years ago when the missionary had tied his wife's shoe on the street while the city gazed and wondered. They received us in glad surprise that we had risked such a journey alone and arrived safely. We worked and prayed hard, for the church seemed so lifeless and the work discouraging. There had been but a men's Sunday school but with a little encouragement after some children's meetings a regular Sunday school was begun with seven classes. Why not? The streets were full of children and we had some picture cards sent by friends from home. One morning we visited the Bishop and also the Boys' School

near by. Another day we visited the Girls school, of which they are very proud, for they teach much fancy work, dress making, and have a showy kindergarten, but looking over the course of study I found that the Bible had not a place there. The man at the head of the school is a coarse, conceited, ignorant appearing fellow, known to be an infidel. We pitied the girls but even some of the Protestants have the courage to send their girls there, as they have no girls school of their own. May the little community awake to what were need, and present danger, as well as the opportunity, and take the part toward a proper school. In the Boys' school things were vastly better but after a class had repeated the Lord's prayer in the old Armenian understood by but few, I asked who taught them that prayer, thoughtfully replied "The school master" and could go no further back. Our boys school there is taught by the preacher, a man of unusual ability and faithfulness. But the school was small and some were not in yet from the villages. This man deserves special praise for his courage and perseverance in a most discouraging field, for six years with never a plea for some special favor for himself, a raise of salary &c. as we so often hear but in a sudden attack of typhoid last winter, caught from visiting a sick member of his congregation, in his delirium he was taken to heaven but begged the Lord to let him come back where there was so much for him to do. We are glad to see that he is to go to Seminary this next year for further training. His wife is a very modest, quiet little woman who with effort offered her first public prayer at one of our meetings this winter.

Erzingan is different from many Turkish cities in its abundant fruit supply, excellent in variety and quality, but a real hotbed of malaria.

Our two weeks being ended, with a promise to return after a month we engaged a mule team with two horses, and asked a guard to Haserik, a mountain village a day and half distant. The Erzingan preacher accompanying us for a few days vacation, as he had had no change since his illness, was very helpful to us. The mule tars are a most disagreeable class, and happy is the one not dependent on them. This one was no exception to the rule. Tho his frock was decorated with buttons arranged in rows closed together as he evidently had a mamoth card of small buttons, his interior decorations were few. He was given to loud and much speaking, a vile nature, well he born to a man, filled with all malice and trickery. Much we prayed for attendant on that journey of a day and a half. Most of the road followed the river among the mountains and is very interesting but the last hour is nairrowing. None of us dared ride over that path ascending the mountain side, looking down from our scant footing into the abyss of a valley of dizzy depth, with not so much as a twig or large stone to stay a descent once begun, above was a mountain side again equally bare and pitiless. But sharp, with the road brought us to the village. Haserik is mostly Armenian having no priest, no teacher, no Mullah, or Turkish religious leader, and no preacher, except as the one from the neighbor town, who now visits them once in two weeks during the Summer and less often in winter, visits them. This was the scene of another two weeks effort. There is a Protestant church here of six or eight members only one man among the number. Three fourths of the men from this region go to other cities of Turkey and Europe as keepers of coffee houses, are often gone from five years, to always, but sending money home to their families. The women and children do the work of the fields and care for the animals, still keeping the old Armenian costume and knowing little of books but a far more comfortable circumstances than any other region of our whole field.

he church had continued religeous services, a man not a church
ember until this visit, doing the preaching on the Sunday that
hat the preacher did not come. The sisters faithfully kept up a
rayer service. We began meetings the day after our arrival. The
isters enjoyed the services and attended them regularly. We were
ppy to see the church membership almost double when the Rev
tapleton came a few weeks later. An upper room was given us when
e arrived in which we spent the nights during our stay, but we
ere often invited out for the day. Almost every evening, both here
nd in the next village, from five to twenty five came in for even
ng prayers. Some of them who could not come to the day service
eing away in their fields would come in at night. After ten days
here we expressed a wish to visit a large Armenian village at the
nd of that awful mountain path up which we had climbed to Haserik
he good sister fifty years old offered to go with us also a Gre-
orian woman. At first the people tried hard to disuade us saying
hey feared the people would be very rude as they knew nothing of
rotestants and ~~Prots~~ Foreigners and we might be troubled. We
ent first to the house of the old priest who had recently returned
rom Sivas where Dr. Shephard of Aintab had healed him of "all his
iseases" and he was loud in his expressions of praise and gratitude
oon they brought us dinner, which consisted of the paper-like bread
f the place, with cheese, honey and bits of mutton, fried and put
p in tallow for winter, also the dish of sour thick milk. The ~~tools~~
ools were one wooden spoon apiece. After dinner the old church
as opened and the news given over town and the bell ~~w~~ rung. The
ell in all these places consists of an iron bar which they sus-
end somewhere and beat with a hammer. The church was quickly
illed and with the help of our picture roll, we began with Adam
nd told the story of sin and the Savior Duo many who had heard
t for the first time. It was amusing to notice the noisy but ef-
ective efforts to silence or expell a crying child who was thus
isturbing the story.

Our village services often began this way. " We come here from
rzingan but our home is in Erzroom to which we hope to return af-
er a few weeks. I am an American, my companion a navtive of Erz)
oom. I am not married but Degeen Mariam is, and has three boys
wo of them at home with her husband and the third came with her. "
ow we can begin our talk, after satisfying the curiosity in that
ay and so will avoid interruptions during the service by ques-
ions on those subjects. Here again after a service of more than
n hour and a half we were urged to stay longer, and taken to an-
ther house for refreshments, this time watermellon and grapes.
ome asked our escort what they might give us for coming. Would we
ike some stockings, which they are deft in knitting in all fanc
olors and patterns, and they could hardly understand how we wanted
othing. Then they would provided horses for our return but we ~~we~~
were afraid to ride over that road. This seemed queer to them too
for they were used to it, and had never fallen. One of the promi-
nent men walked almost half way home with us and I tried to get
him to send a girl to our school so as to provide a teacher for
their village, but they were not so far advanced as yet. Another
year they may be ready. Time and typewriter fail me to describe
the village wedding we witnessed, a most unique performance so I
pass on to the two weeks when we must leave promising to stop on

our return with Mr Stapleton. The brother in whose house we staid
found two mules and Saturday we started on for Paskerich, partly
walking and partly riding native style. Steep descents are easiest
made on foot. We were warmly welcomed and spent ten days in a man
ner similar to the other village. Daily services for the women

dren's meeting on Sunday and publ c prayers at night. This v
is larger and the church membership number fifteen, but
ch meeting was called only two old men and one youth would
, with a few onlookers, who had a talent for mixing in the
, the women were not considered in such matters. After the
of Mr Stapleton there was a reformation and two sisters suit
for the work were put with the men on the church committee. The
essity was evident also six women presented themselves for
rch membership and only one could speak before the elders
, as they were [illegible] so he retired from the scene and the ex-
nation went on with more satisfaction. In both of these church
a new custom was begun or an old one broken by a young
woman being received into the church.

We had been there hardly four days when Mr Stapleton arrived,
ing quite a stir in the town. Just at the time, we were
close of a preparatory service which was held in our room, wh
breathless youth burst in with the news that the missionary
e and the meeting dissolved. Just following this we had
meeting with a few of the sisters who were considering
ing with the church. After that we too could join the band of
come, and it was hard to wait for it had been six weeks since
seen a fellow countryman. We remained almost a week longer and
ted two near villages from there were well received and
ed to by large audiences in both places. The school house served
villages as a place of meeting while in the other the church
sened towns. In one service a woman grew rather loud in ask
"If the Lord loves us as you say why He allows such troubles
e to us from the Turks and Kurds." But a man soon silenced her
th "Do at all we can listen to you any day and now we wish to hear
." We were pressed to stay longer, given dinner and entertain
the best ability of the place, but returned to Packerish for the
t.

At the communion service the next morning six women were re-
ved into the church and as many others were interested and w
will be ready to take the same step in early summer. We
k of visiting them on my way to the coast bound for the home land.
next day we began the return journey, but no more struggles, t
th muleteers, no worry about guard, or skinned horses or packs
n an American man is on the scenes. Many of the friends come
th us to the river at the edge of the town. There after a prayer
ted, they to return to their work, we hoped strengthened and
ered, we to go on thro' a little snow across the hills to Ha
k where a church meeting and preparatory service were held th
me evening. At the communion service the next day four were re-
ived into church fellowship. The following morning after a sad
parting scene we set out for Erzingan, which we reached after a
and a half. It did seem good to get back to eating from a table
chairs again. We remain a week and a half this time but work
as easier now for Mr Stapleton conducted a meeting in the church
very night. So we had but two special meetings for women th
the week and one on Sunday, with some care for the newly started
Sunday school classes. Mr Stapleton and I visited all the church
members and many others whom we hope to bring into the church
day. We went out to a near village and explained our business but
that day the priest of the village had gone to the city so the
people felt afraid of us, or of him, so the service was not as satis-
factory as some of its kind. Still we hope for some good from it
We planned to visit another village where the priest is reported
to be very friendly and seeking for more light but our plan failed
Perhaps we can go next time.

On the last Sunday, there was to be a communion service but our joy came near being turned into mourning for some unpleasantness arouse with the church committee over one of the candidates and at one time it seemed that the ten others would not get a hearing But that also passed and on Monday there was peace and joy at the service, which was an impressive one, when nine new members joined the ranks four of them young men of the Nathaniel type and four sisters. Others were to wait hoping for greater evidence of fitness of character in the meantime. Still others are considering whom we hope to find fully persuaded the next time.

Tuesday morning with a crowd of friends to see us off and say "pray for us" after the usual parting service we began the home journey of four weary days. The first night, the only room for us was the stable room which the horses had occupied four weeks before. This was partly cleaned up, with no apology for one-fourth of the space being occupied by a wood pile and another corner occupied by several bushels of fertilizer scraped from the remaining floor space. The man with an air of satisfaction, announced its readiness. We took a survey and fastidiously took exception to the pile of fertilizer. So we went to walk while that was being removed. At dark we returned to view the narrow space and arrange in it to prepare for supper and breakfast and to place the beds for four of us There are problems not found in school books and with no written answers, but this was solved. The night would be short anyway as we were to rise at three the next morning to get an early start on a long hard day. The next night was much better and the following day was shorter with comfortable quarters at the end and the nearness of home to keep up the spirits The last day Mrs Stapleton and other friends came out in carriages to meet us and we were soon in our own places at home, weary in mind and body, but rejoicing too that such a work was given us, and the evident presence of God in it.

We had held over fifty meetings, not counting those held by Mr Stapleton, had journeyed more than eleven days, had eaten all sorts of mixtures as well as been eaten by various festive minded creatures, with hardly a moment's privacy for thought or rest, as village etiquette has nothing against calls before breakfast and peeping in at the window or key-hole or any available place if one is not dressed and the door opened. But we felt that we had come nearer to the high life of the people and so were better able to help them a step nearer the ideal for which they were created. Yes home again, thankful for the blessings received, but overwhelmed with sadness by the lack of laborers. Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that He send laborers, native and foreign, unto the harvest for how can they learn without a teacher?

Yours in the Master's service

M. Myrtle Foote

Rec'd MAR 29 1906

American Mission - Erzroom 3/6/06

Ans'd MAR 31 1906

Dear Dr Barton:-

Your note was received by last past but I was disappointed in not finding in it the answer to some questions on a matter of growing interest to me. Will the Board allow me the same amount required by Miss Bushnell last year to go from Erzroom to New York or a little less if need be without requiring an itemized account of the same in currency of different countries - rate of

Mary W. Foote
Jan. 6-1906.

exchange etc. which will be almost an impossibility to give correctly. I shall esteem this a great favor if possible to be granted. Has anything been done about supplying the vacancy in the school force for next year? We are much interested to know.

Yours Respectfully
M. Myrtle Foote

Bushnell to Mich. 1277.

Rec'd SEP 14 1906

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88 Columbia St. W.
Detroit - Mich.
Sept. 12 - 1906.

Rec'd SEP 26 1906

Dear Dr. Barton -

I have reached
is far on my way home
nd expect to be in Chicago
the last of next week.
ou will remember my
king a favor of you before
aving Turkey - which was
ot granted. That was an
novable discharge from
ndering the itemized acct
hich I then felt I should
ot be capable of. If that
ad been granted it

would have spared me
the humiliation of taking
what had been refused me
also a dishonorable discharge
from rendering that kind
of an account. for I can no
do it.

I have rec'd money as
follows for the trip.
from R. S. Stapleton
£.T. 9-11

" W. W. Peet. 40-70.

= 49-81 £.T.
I think I pd. back 4=
45-81. £T. = 4.4
$ = 201.564
45.90
$ 247.464

The sum Dr Keegan gave me considered car fare in full. but I may be able to get a reduction - in which case you will be notified the amount gained. I can add that my ticket across the Atlantic cost 15 £. which is higher than necessary at other seasons of the year. and the only thing I could get. by waiting nearly a month. but fortunately I had friends in England who had invited me to spend the time with them. As I indicated - I think that I paid back the 4 £ - 7 - to Mr Pett. but his acct will

settle that point.

My plans are not yet definite, but I hope to be able to spend some time in the Moody Bible Institute again, after a time at home. Was glad to learn by Dr Cregan of the proposed visit to some of the Turkish missions and much wish that Erzroom might be on their list. also glad to hear of the successful efforts of raising the debt.

Yours Sincerely
M. Myrtle Ford

Oct. 12-1906.
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Mass.

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Jesse French 222.

May 27 = 1907.

Dr. J. L. Barton.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Last winter I wrote you that you might begin looking for a teacher to take my place here, as I should probably not wish to remain. Might perhaps be of service in some other kind of missionary work or in some other locality, but the conditions here in the college are such that for me to do successful teaching here, as I understand that term, is impossible. Consequently it is my duty to resign.

There is a man in the senior class at Middlebury College, named Rev. Walter Maggs, who might perhaps wish to come here to teach.

Respectfully,
Jesse French.
Kharpoot, Turkey.

Happy New Year.
C. F. Gates

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Harpoot, Jan. 2. 1900

Dear Dr. Barton:-

There is one matter about which I wish to speak to you in confidence. The relations between Miss Ellsworth and Miss Daniels are not at all satisfactory and they are growing worse so rapidly as to make us fear a crisis.

These two have never ~~got~~ been able to work harmoniously. You know Miss Daniels, and you know that it requires tact to get on with her. Miss Ellsworth is deficient in tact. Moreover, she is of a jealous disposition, desiring the first place for herself; she has been unfortunate I should judge in her own home life and training. She has not won the confidence of her associates. I am sorry to say she is very indiscreet in the use of her tongue. She goes frequently to the Girls School and spends the evening with the teachers. She spent the night with them one time. She talked with them about the relations of Dr. Ussher and Miss Daniels, and her tongue is a

source of anxiety to us all.

She has undoubted ability but I fear she cannot work with others. It would be a great relief to me if she could find work elsewhere and Alice Browne could come to us. and yet I do not wish to make any suggestion. I have written simply because it seemed to me that you ought to know that there is this difficulty which seems to be approaching a crisis.

Mrs. Gates and the baby are both improving, the former very slowly as fever has given her a serious setback.

I should say that Miss Daniels feels that Miss Ellsworth weakens her influence among the teachers. Miss Daniels is far from well; if she should be laid aside matters would be still worse for Miss Ellsworth would expect to be put at the head of the school - a position for which we all think her spiritually unfit.

Yours

C. T. Gates

Jan. 3.

I have now given the Station Treasury to Mr. Knapp and it seems to me that it would be well to have all drafts etc sent to him — It is a great relief to me to be rid of this burden especially in view of building operations —

I should like very much to have a good picture of Dr. Wheeler enlarged from a photograph acceptable to his family, and I would like to get it here by Commencement time. Can you commit this to some one to execute. I will pay for it —

C. F. D.

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Harpoot, Feb. 8, 1900.

My dear Dr. Barton:—

Yours of Jan. 4th came by last post, and I was very glad to get your opinion and that of Mr. Davis, I judge as you talked together, about Mr. Huntington. And I am glad you think well of the plan for his return.

The study of theology does not appeal to him. His tastes are not in that line, and he does not wish to study it. He has a beautiful Christian spirit and lovely character. He exerts a strong Christian influence over the students, who come to him more freely than they do to me, and he wins them in a most quiet, simple way. But his tastes are scientific. He says, "If it is necessary for some one to come here who has studied theology, then it had better be some one else and I will go to some other place." In any case he says it is better not to say that I ought to return to Harpoot. If when my course of study is finished you think so, then say so, and if not, say that. It seems to me that, while there is a manifest force in what you say about the need of depth in theological training, yet it should not be laid down as an indispen

able requisite that a missionary in general and Mr. Huntington in particular should have studied theology. There is great need in our schools and stations for just the work he is doing. He is always ready to go out and preach, and as a layman he speaks with the power of a Christian business man at home.

Then, too, his presence would enable me to devote time to Theological teaching which would otherwise be impossible for me. I, too, think that the theological class should be connected with the college, but I cannot give it the thought and study it needs while my hands are weighted with details of school administration.

If Mr. Huntington were here he could relieve me of much school work, he would be an all-around missionary, save for theological training, and if I take a furlough some time he can take my place.

We have a big institution here now, I have enrolled 500 boys this term. I plan to divide our institution into 4 separate schools, viz. Kindergarten (boys + girls) under an American lady superintendent, Normal School

(Mengarani & Suntarana) under a native principal, High School & then, with an English as College. Of course we should still exercise a general superintendence, but I would throw the burden of responsibility upon competent Americans. To carry this out will require time and I want some one there who knows my plans and will help in Marsovan every missionary work in the College. Here I am alone. I have learned to love Huntington and value him so highly that I should feel very badly to lose him.

I am sorry to say that I fear Miss Daniels will want to go to America this year. She is in school, but it does not seem probable that she can hold out long. Her relations with Miss Ellsworth are not good, as I work to your, and it will be exceedingly difficult for any one to work with her (Miss E.) unless she has the first place. I do not yet know what we can do. It would be easier to work without Miss Ellsworth because she introduces an element of discord.

I have not written anything in regard to

Dr. Usher because I know that he regards me as hostile to him. I went to him again and again and cautioned him most frankly in regard to his course. He thanked me but kept on. He thought he was right in doing so, I thought him wrong. Now it seems to me that the easiest solution would be for the committee to find another Physician for Harpoot and to suggest that as he is at Van he remain there. If Dr. Raynolds invited him and the Prud. Com. recommend it, I think the Mission would approve. As the time is approaching for an answer I throw out this suggestion.

Mrs. Gates is improving and our little one is doing well. We sympathize with you and Mrs. Barton most deeply in her continued heartache. It is a sore trial for you both. I have not found time or strength to write for the Ecumenical Conference. Finally gave it up, as the time for sending was already past.

Yours sincerely
C. H. Gates

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Rev. G. S. Barton, D.D. Hartford, Feb. 12. 1900.
Boston, Mass. U. S. A.

My dear Dr. Barton:

I do not intend to inflict a letter upon you with every post, but there are some matters upon which I wish to write more at time than I have hitherto been able to do.

A work has been started in regard to annual meeting. Marsh Station will not have any meeting this year. Some of us feel that the condition of Erzroum Station, the question of Dr. Usher's permanent location, Mr. Knapp's location and other matters should have mission consideration, aside from the mission estimates which always requires much consideration. If you are writing to Marsh, I thought you might like to know their attitude.

I am very glad that the Board of Trustees recognized the efforts of Mrs. and Miss Wheeler. I hope that recognition was also made of what the Woman's Board of Missions has had in our work. I have received letters from Miss Borden in regard to that, and I do not know whether the acknowledgments I have made are satisfactory or not. Can you find out?

I am glad that the meeting of trustees is likely to be appointed in February: that will give me a chance to close my books and report on the year's work.

I can hardly express to you what a comfort it is to me that Mr. Davis is our treasurer. I have read a letter of his without feeling grateful for his sympathy and interest. I am taking steps to secure for him the pictures of all our teachers, the pictures of our buildings, both permanent buildings and those occupied since 1895, and the group pictures of all graduating classes as far as possible. I hope also to make a sort of Alumni Record as soon as we can gather the necessary information.

In regard to the trade, Dr. Herrick seems to have no hope of getting it now. The Chargé d'Affaires hopes to have it in hand early in February. I hope to share it. My confidence is based on God. Every step so far in the matter has been in answer to prayer, and I feel very confident that our prayers are to be answered. I am writing to Constantinople asking for telegraphic instructions to the Vali to allow us to proceed, so that

I wish to say a word more about the questions of our Girls' Department. It seems more and more evident that Miss Daniels will have to go to America this year. She is considering the question, but does not wish it spoken of as yet. Whenever she comes to a decision we will start a vote for permission. Now I think the time has come to invite Annie Allen to return here. When Mr. Browne returns we shall consider this. I know that Mr. Browne does not favor it, although he thinks a great deal of Annie. The reason is that he thinks her work was not thorough, and he has some reason for thinking so. But it should be said:

1. Annie was never her own mistress here. The care of her mother so filled her thoughts that she could not give herself to school work. [illegible]

2. Scholarship is not everything. Annie Allen is a devoted Christian. Her influence among the girls, her Bible training and her character would make her a missionary in the school, and we need just that element.

3. Then, too, we want Alice Browne right as soon as she is ready to come, and I want

no doubt that our station will vote to invite her. I would now propose that in order that you may have this matter settled in case you go away, it would be well to start things before leaving. Anyone ought to know in time to prepare quarters, materials, etc. and I should like to write to her about collecting books suitable for our teachers to make their way into the Bible work.

I should say that the rest of our Station are very sure to endorse the invitation to Charlie Allen and Alice Browne, and I think Mrs. Browne will yield to the desire of those who have to work with them.

You know I do not undervalue scholarship, but my daily cry to God is for spiritual power, and I have determined every year ask of God teachers who can be led by the Spirit of God.

Mrs. Gates is steadily improving and better balanced.

Sincerely yours,

C. J. Gates.

I hear just heard of Dr. Usher's engagement to Miss Barrows and do not know how matters stand now.

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Rev.J.L.Barton,D.D. Harpoot,Feb.26th. 1900.
Boston,Mass.U.S.A.

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Dear Dr.Barton:-

Replying to your letter of Jan.30th. I have already written to you that Mr.Strauss' telegram to the effect that the Irade' had been granted,when we came to learn the facts,seemed to us premature,and that the I rade' has not yet come to the hands of the Charge' d'Affaires,although he hoped to have it early in February.I will now add that I have written to Dr.Herrick asking him to urge on Mr.Griscom that he seek to secure telegraphic instructions to our Vali here to allow us to begin to build at once in order that the work may not be delayed .As the order has been given for the issuing of the Irade' there ought to be no objection to this. But I must reiterate that our dependence and our hope is on the Lord .I do not believe that He will fail us in this crisis,and the nearer we come to the time when building should begin the stronger becomes my faith and my confidence.If the work is delayed it will be for some very good reason which will be apparent in due time.

From the financial report sent to Mr.Davis,it will be apparent that the receipts of last year were very encouraging,and we may certainly rely upon an increase this year,because I have raised the fees.Notwithstanding the drawing of $3000. for the purchase of building materials our expenses did not very largely exceed the income of the endowment fund.

Mr.Davis' report is just received today,and the perusal of it is a pleasure,so clear,so strong in tone,and so practical in its suggestions. I shall write him very soon .

In regard to the relations between Miss Daniels and Miss Ellsworth I am glad that I can report a slight improvement.I do not think that it would be well for you to write to them at present,it would perhaps anger them ,and it seems to me that it is better for us here to give them the necessary advice now. I have said to Miss Daniels ,at a favorable opportunity,that if things were to continue as they have for the last year or more, then it would not seem to me best for her not to return to Harpoot after a visit to America,but if she should pull herself together,and become her old self again,I should most heartily desire it. I think she has received this and other suggestions from other friends in a good spirit,and she is now trying to get herself in hand again,and we are praying for her .I trust that she may succeed .There will still remain the difficulties arising out of Miss Ellsworth's disposition and character.If the Lord has work for her here,

He will adapt her to it, and if not He will take her away. At present our thoughts turn much in the latter direction.

I confess I distrust the method of appointing candidates for the missionary work. My experience is that the credentials given for such candidates are often based on insufficient knowledge and colored by the benevolent desires and hopes of the writers. I wish it were possible that the inquiries regarding such candidates might always be made in person, that the candidates themselves might be tried in some kind of evangelistic work under experienced leaders first and that they might receive some preliminary instruction under men of spiritual power. I do not write this in the way of criticism. If any one needs the prayers of all the churches it is the secretaries of the Board. You will understand.

I think that Dr. Barnum will have a frank talk with Miss Ellsworth in regard to her peculiarities. She has been a member of his family for a long time, and he can speak to her in a kindly and helpful way.

We have lost one more of our teachers, Miss Aghavni Kurkjian, whom we highly prized for her Christian character, her refinement and ability. She is engaged to be married to Garabed Hohannessian, or Charles Johnson, as he calls himself in Providence, Rhode Island, where he has lived. If you can get any information in regard to this young man's character I should be very glad to learn something about him. She is too good a girl to be thrown away. No one here knows him.

The time is drawing near when we must make arrangements for the next school year. I am tired of writing to men in America, asking them if they will come back, but if you have opportunities of personal conversation, I would be glad if you could ascertain the mind of Prof. Garabedian and Yeshilian about returning. Benneian, of course, will not come this year, if at all. There may be other men of promise, whom I do not know. We want men of ability, spiritual power and consecration. We are praying that God will send us men whom He can use, and that He will remove any whom He cannot use. This college must be a spiritual power in the land, else it has failed. I am sure that it is a spiritual power, but I am not contented yet.

Our little girl is 12 weeks old and weighs 10 and 1/2 pounds, is very happy and ministers materially to our happiness. Last week I suggested that Dr. Dwight be asked to come to Erzroom to help out there, and the Statio asked Dr. B. to write to you about it and me, to write to Dr. Herrick. If something is not done to relieve the situation at E. charges will be preferred by Erzroom men at the Annual meeting, and it will be hard them to save Stapleton. If Dr. Dwight could come for a time and bring with him a good man to work in with Stapleton it might save him.

Yours

C. F. Gates

If something of that kind cannot be done I would suggest transferring Stapleton to Bitlis. Mrs. S. could supply their need of a physician —

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Harpoot, Turkey. March 2nd. 1900.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.
Boston, Mass. U.S.A.

APR 4 1900

Dear Dr. Barton:-

I have just received a letter from Dr. Herrick from which I understand that our claim for indemnity and for permission to rebuild our schools is under consideration by the Council of State, and I am led to believe that a proposition has been or may be made to the effect that we waive our claim for indemnity on condition of the granting of our and other irade's.

I have consulted with Dr. Barnum and Mr. Browne, and I now write to say that we should be strongly opposed to any such proceedure.

Mr. Strauss telegraphed to us that the irade had been granted. He must have received strong assurances from the Ottoman Government to warrant him in telegraphing such a statement. This statement has passed under the eyes of the local government, and they know it. Now for the subject to pass again into the stage of bargaining and doubt is undignified and dishonorable to our government.

We presented our claim to indemnity as a matter of right. Our claim to the right to rebuild is indisputable. And we are not disposed to allow for one moment that this right should be called in question. We will not ourselves be parties to any proposition, which would seem to indicate that these claims are of doubtful validity.

From our own knowledge and experience with the government, we do not believe that anything is to be gained by waiving our claim to indemnity. All its previous history goes to show that it will not give anything at all if it can well avoid giving. There will surely come a point where our government must make a fixed and unchangeable stand. It seems to us that there can be no point where we shall stand on firmer and better assured ground than we now occupy.

We are therefore of the firm conviction that our government should insist upon the granting of the Irade' and the Indemnity, making no bargain and no abatement of claims.

It should be added that the proposition to waive the indemnity involves the claims of private persons over whose action we have no jurisdiction.

Moreover for us to waive the indemnity would necessitate the putting off of rebuilding until such time as the funds for building could be secured. Those funds were secured in the first place by the long continued and strenuous exertions of Dr. Wheeler and others through personal solicitations. It would be necessary for us again to go through with that same work, and defer the building until

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until that work was accomplished. During these years of delay we should be obliged to carry on our work under conditions which make a serious drain on our strength and at an annual expense of £100. We do not think that we are called to make such a sacrifice and one which is contrary to our convictions of right and opinions of expediency.

In behalf of the Local Trustees

O.F. Gates, President

O.F. Gates.

Dear Dr. Barton

The position here taken is the position we here all take, and it is the only right or tenable or hopeful position

Fraternally

George F. Merrick

Rev. C. H. Gates, D.D. 228.

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EUPHRATES COLLEGE

HARPOOT, TURKEY

Dear Dr. Barton:- Mch. 8 1900

Dr. Barnum is thinking of taking his family to some place in Europe for rest, which they need. The only drawback is that they will not see their boys. Now I write to ask if there is not some way in which money can be raised to send their boys to Europe for the vacation and let them see their parents. It would be cheaper than for the family to come home, and it would be a joy to them all.

C. H. Gates

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Rev.J.L.Barton,D.D. Harpoot,April 2,1900. MAY 2 1900

Boston,Mass. U.S.A.

Dear Dr.Barton,D.D.:

Your letter came on Saturday.It was handed to me on my return from a walk with the little children,but before I could read it our little girl was taken with stoppage of the lungs which terminated fatally.

She had been ill two days.Friday evening the doctor came,but he said she had taken cold and there was only slight laryngial inflammation and no danger to be anticipated. Mrs.Gates,however was not satisfied. We gave the baby such remedies as we had,and she seemed better.She slept fairly well that night. Saturday morning she greeted me with a smile as she always did ,and I had no apprehension that she was very sick. While walking a shower came up which wet our clothes ,we were changing our clothes when the boys called to me that the baby was awake(she had been sleeping) and crying. I went to her at once and found her gasping for breath .I at once used inhalations ,atomizers etc. But it was all of no effect. I think she was gone before the doctor reached us.She was a beautiful babe and the light and joy of our home.

I am very glad of what you write in regard to Mr.Huntington. It is my strong desire to have him come here.In regard to the pledges for the salary of a new tutor,we have something in hand now,and I think that Mr.Wilson will continue his gifts of $500 per year. I will write to Mr.Moore at once. But do not let the uncertainty of funds keep you back from securing a tutor.We must have one,and the funds will come. Mr.Huntington is one of the most guileless,loveable and efficient young men I have ever met. He should certainly come out as a missionary even though unordained ,and I am sure that is what he would desire

When I was at Marsovan I criticised their plan in the same way that you do in your letter. I told them that they were neglecting their evangelical work for the college,and I have several interesting letters from Dr.Tracy on that point,defending their plan from their standpoint.

In regard to Dr.Ussher,I do not wish to write much.That is an experience about which I do not like to speak;but your letter seems to make it necessary to say something.He made some explanations to us which were connected with an other lady in the station.These explanations seemed to me entirely inadequate, and I do not believe that any explanations can be made which would justify his course,persisted in in spite of repeated warnings,admonitions and entreaties to desist. I told Dr.U. that I considered his course dishonorable in the extreme. I am of the same opinion still. His course here and his letters since he went to Van have destroyed all my respect for him,and I think you will find that this is the attitude of most of the Harpoot circle.

But the end is not yet. Last Tuesday a telegram came to Miss Daniels from Van signed by Dr.Ussher and Dr.Raynolds ,asking Miss Daniels if she would consider the Van School,and she has written me a note saying that she is invited to take charge of the Van School,and that she would like to accept. To my surprise she based her desire to accept upon the allegation that there is not the most perfect harmony and sympathy between me and herself. Perhaps it is as well that this reason should be given ,as others will be quick to give another reason .

I think the attitude of the whole station is that inasmuch as she has expressed her desire to go,we should acquiesce. Whether Dr.Raynolds does the best thing in inviting her is another question into which I will not enter. This,of course changes the complexion of affairs here,and the problem is not simplified. We shall need a head to the Girls' Department at once . Miss Ellsworth has not won the confidence of our station circle to such an extent that we would be willing to put her in charge of the girls' department. While she is here it would be very difficult to put any of the ladies now on the ground in charge. Therefore we must look outside. Personally I would be quite willing to invite Emily Wheeler to take the charge,but there is a strong feeling against it on the part of some of our circle ,so strong that it ought not to be disregarded . After consulting with Dr.Barnum,Mr.Browne,Miss Bush, Miss Seymour and Miss Barnum,I wrote to Miss Lord asking if she would be willing to consider a call to the position. I do not want to injure Erzroom Station,but we must have a strong woman here,and such I believe Miss Lord to be .

As soon as official letters come from Van ,we shall probably start a vote to this effect:"Van Station ,having invited Miss Daniels to take charge of their Girls' School ,and she having expressed a desire to accept the invitation ,we consent to her location in Van." I shall not vote either way,as my vote would be miscontrued,and it would have undue influence owing to my position. But I will say to you that it seems to me that her work here is ended. I have valued her work very highly,as you know,and appreciate her ability. But Dr.Ussher's course here has hurt her very much,she has lost the respect of her teachers and scholars and the influence which she once had. I have hoped against hope that she might overcome her infatuation and again devote herself to her work,but with this invitation and her desire to accept my last hope is gone.

I do not want you to think that I have any personal feeling in the matter.I should have been glad to work on with her and sustain her,as I think I always have. These things have been and are very trying to me,but I am most anxious that I should not offend by any word of bitterness or ill feeling.

If anything which I have written sounds so to you ,please read it out of my lines.

In case Miss Lord does not feel inclined to come here ,it will be necessary to do the best we can with our present force.I should then divide up the work between the present teachers in such a way as to make each one responsible for a department ,and let each confine herself to that . But this would mean a year of anxiety and experiences which try the spirit. Miss Ellsworth is not one who hesitates to walk over the bounds ,and she would be a trial to her associates .

In regard to Annie Allen,I find Mr.Browne's feeling in regard to her is more firmly fixed than I had thought it to be,and I do not understand on what it is based. He speaks of peculiarities of the Allen Family,which do not seem to me sufficient reason for condemning Annie,but I do not wish to press the matter in opposition to him. I still think however that her coming would be a good thing.

You speak of uncertainty in regard to the time of Mr.Huntington's leaving Harpoot.I should have said above that his desire is to leave this year, and enter upon his studies at once.In case no one is found to take his place he says that he will not leave me alone,but that is very unselfish and it would be a personal sacrifice to him,which I do not wish him to make,much as I dislike to part with him even for a season.I love him as my own brother, and I want what is best for him.

I have read what I have written to Dr.Barnum ,and he says that he approves of every word.

yours
C.F.Gates

P.S. We have just had a station meeting in which we considered Dr.Marden. Dr.B. has already written you informally in regard to him,and the consensus of the station was to the same effect,that he does not seem to be the man for us.
In regard to the vote concerning Miss Daniels,I find that some of the station will not be willing to vote it in the form which I wrote above. They urge that the vote includes two things,namely ,the release of Miss D. from Harpoot and her location in Van.While they would be willing to release her at her desire, their judgment is strongly against the advisability of her going to Van.

Dr.Barnum is inclined not to raise this point,but to allow her to go there in the hope that in more favorable surroundings she might do good work,but some of the ladies feel very strongly that she ought not to go where Dr.U. is . I confess that I feel the force of the objection ,but I dread the discussion of it.

it. As far as I see, the only thing we can do now is to pass a vote to this effect: "Van Station having invited Miss Daniels to take charge of their Girls' School and she having expressed a desire to accept the invitation, we consent to her release from Harpoot Station." After that, if the question of her location at Van comes up now, there will be votes against it, and it may be impossible to secure Mission approval. If she goes without the action of the Mission and her formal location remains until a later date, then it is not our responsibility. I do not know what is best, but this is the only way I can now see to save her from being deeply hurt. At the same time I have deep misgivings in regard to her going to Van and I should be glad not to have to vote on that question.

Sincerely yours

C. F. Gates.

I have read this letter to Mr. Browne, and he thinks I have not quite fairly represented him in regard to Annie Allen. He is perfectly willing to yield to the judgment of the station, if the majority should wish here to come here. Annie is a warm friend of his, but he does not consider that she is thorough or aggressive. My own thought was simply that it were better not to bring her name before the station if there were any who did not favor her coming.

Tuesday, April 3rd.

My letter seems bound to string on, but I wish to tell you that some inquiries concerning our school buildings have come to the local government from Constantinople, we do not yet know just what form they have.

I also wish to inform you that Avedis Jamgochian of Manchester has signified his intention of celebrating this Commencement, which is the 20th. anniversary of his graduation by a gift to the College of the value of £200. I do not yet know just what shape the gift will take.

The enlarged photograph of Dr. Wheeler arrived safely by last post, and we are all very much pleased with it . Our teachers would like to have copies of it for themselves if not too expensive. Has the artist preserved the plate? What would be the cost if he were to make, say 20 copies or more?

C.F.Gates.

MAY 7_ 1900

Harpoot, April 11th. 1900.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Since my letter to you of last week events have taken place which seem to require chronicling in order that you may be fully aware of the state of things in this station. A week ago to day, four of the preachers came to Mr. Browne and Dr. Barnum, in my absence, and said that they understood that the missionaries were about to drive Miss Ellsworth away. They said that Miss Ellsworth was very popular, while the present incumbent had become extremely unpopular because of her severity and irritability. Dr. Barnum replied that no such action had been taken by the missionaries, that it had not been talked over by them, that a letter had come from Boston suggesting that there was need of some one in Sivas, and perhaps Miss Ellsworth would do better where she could work independently. (I do not quote, but give substance.) But he said no invitation had come from Sivas, that he did not know whether any would come, or whether, if it came, Miss Ellsworth would accept it. The Harpoot preacher told his wife, she told one of the female teachers, and she said to Miss Ellsworth the next day: "I am sorry you are going to Sivas". Miss Ellsworth went to Mr. Browne and told him she heard that she was to be sent to Sivas, and asked if it was true. He said no such thing had been decided, that some changes in our teaching force were contemplated, but nothing had yet been determined. Miss Ellsworth went to her room and spent the rest of the day in weeping. It was a shock to her that such a thing should come to her first from the natives.

Dr. Barnum went to her in the evening, and told her that there was no intention to vote her away against her will, that if an invitation came from S. the matter was entirely in her own hands to accept or reject it as she chose. She said she was willing to go away if it were best, and if it were the Lord's will, but she did not want to be sent away. Since then the air has been clearer. I think that the only thing we can do now is to leave matters entirely in the Lord's hands and let him direct. I do not think that any attempt should be made to force a change, but let Miss E. decide for herself, asking the Lord to guide her and us.

Dr. B. had some plain talk with Miss E.

I wonder if you know that when Miss E. first came here Dr. Ussher devoted himself to her so much that it was the common thought in the station that they were, or would be engaged, that at that juncture Miss Daniels intervened, and then the relations between Dr. U. and Miss E. became less pleasant,

We are holding meetings in this week. The Lenten season has great possibilities in it. I must learn to make better use of it.

Sincerely yours
C. F. Gates

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Dear Dr.Barton:- Harpoot, April 25, 1900.

My wife has never been at all satisfied with those pictures I had taken in Constantinople, so I have tried again here, and I send you the result. One of our teachers took this, Baron Garabed Soghigian. The background was a grey shawl of mine and not very satisfactory, but we think the face a pretty good likeness. I will send two, one of which I will ask you to hand to Mr. Davis.

I am not so young as I was when I came here five and one-half years ago. I cannot realize that it is only so short a period. The last five years seem like twenty in retrospect. And I realize that I am no longer young. I shall be forty-three in October. When the school buildings are erected (for which no permission has yet come) I should like to take a vacation long enough to rest a bit and pull myself together. But that will be several years from now. The Barnum family are well on their way from Salatia toward Sivas now, and I trust they are beginning to realize that their burdens are dropped, now that they are out of the field.

Things here are in the same condition as when I last wrote, save that I have informed Miss Daniels and Dr. Raynolds that there are some in our station who would not vote for the location of Miss D. at Van, while Dr. U. is there. I do not know what course they will adopt. I have not suggested any. They may decide to have her go without any vote of the mission, or they may start a vote of the mission, or she may decide to go to America. There is another alternative, namely, that she might go to some other station, but I do not think she would entertain a proposition to go any where except to Van. We shall take no action here until we hear from Van. And I am in hopes that we may hear from you before any decisive action becomes necessary.

Yours

C. F. Gates.

Dear Dr.Barnum:- Harpoot, April 30th. 1900.

Mr.Knapp, Miss Bush and I went down to Hooeloo on Saturday to attend the ordination of Bn.Asadoor . As soon as we arrived they sent for us to come to the preachers house (We stayed with Bedros Gostanian). I found the new parsonage a very commodious and comfortable dwelling, with plenty of room.

Upon gathering together we found that 18 of those invited had come. The Husenik pastor did not come, and it was understood that he had objections to the way in which the council was called. He thought that the matter of ordaining a preacher should have been submitted to the Miouteun, and some one said that he thought the Miouteun should first pronounce upon the dismission of the former pastor from Hooeloo, pastor Asadoor Topouzian, who has since died.

The question of eligibility to sit in the council was not raised , the preachers of the various congregations were there, and even Mardiros Goshgarian appeared in the capacity of preacher of the Keserik congregation, ,but he did not attend all the sessions nor did he take any part in discussions, so I am not sure whether he was a member of the council or not . I do not know what is the constitution of the Miouteun, nor do I know what has been the custom in this region about the calling of councils.

As soon as the roll had been made out, Bd. Mardiros of Malatia was chosen Moderator , upon motion of Bd. Giragos, and the council repaired to the chapel for the examination of the candidate. The air was very good in the chapel on account of the hight of the ceiling, but this proved a disadvantage on the Sabbath when it rained. When the audience was comfortably seated and prayer had been offered, the moderator raised the question whether Bn.Asduadzadoor Yeghoyan was to be ordained as pastor(hoviv)or as a clergyman (yeretz) or as an evangelist(avedaranich) Two hours were spent in discussing this question, which should have been raised in the session of the council not before the audience gathered to hear the examination .It soon became apparent that there was strong opposition, led by Bd.Giragos, to ordaining him in any way other than as the installed pastor of the Hooeloo church. They claimed that if he were to be ~~installed~~ ordained as an evangelist it should be done by the Miouteun in the city, not in Hooeloo, that the church should not call a council to ordain an evangelist, and they urged that to ordain him in this way would open the door for others to seek ordination without intending to remain long with the church calling them, and so it would both cheapen the office and lead to short terms of service.

Bn.Asadoor replied that it would make not the slightest difference in his service of the church whether he were to be ordained as pastor or as a clergyman(There was some confusion about the use of the word Yeretz. Some

seemed to think that there was a difference between an evangelist and a yeretz such that the evangelist must necessarily be ordained by the Miouteun and be subject to its jurisdiction and must be ordained in the city. I told them that if Bn. Asadoor were ordained as Evangelist he would necessarily be a Yeretz, but that in order to become a pastor there was need of another ceremony, namely, installation.) But, that he did not wish to be installed the pastor of the Hooeloo church because he had seen that where a pastor installed, if circumstances arose which made it proper and necessary to dissolve the relationship between the pastor and his people, the fact that he was installed led to quarrels, disputes and bitterness. He wished it to be easy for the relationship to be dissolved without any such trouble. Therefore he said plainly that he would not be ordained as the pastor of that church. What he meant was that he wished to be ordained but not installed, but as I have already said there was much confusion on that point.

Finally I suggested that the council examine him, leaving the discussion of the advisability of ordaining him to be passed upon by the council in private session after his examination was also before them.

Bn. Asadoor's statement of personal experience was admirable. He brought out very clearly the struggles through which he had passed before finally committed himself to the work of the ministry, to which his father had consecrated him, and the way in which God had hindered him from going to America when he repeatedly set his mind on going. And yet in the final session of the council, one delegate objected to his statement of personal experience that there was not much religious experience in it.

His statement of his doctrinal opinions was not equally good. He had not prepared this, but simply gave his religious convictions as they came to his mind in the briefest possible form and not always clearly. He omitted all mention of the Scripture until I called his attention to it, and then he said that there were mistakes in the scriptures, many of which he had found, but they made no difference to him, he found in Scripture two elements the divine and the human, and the mistakes belonged to the latter. He did not make any good statement as to the atonement, but I do not think there is a question that he holds strongly to the vicarious work of Christ. The examination was prolonged untillate, ~~in the evening~~ but very much of the time was wasted in foolish questions, some of which were proposed by Bn. Avedis of Hulakegh, who appeared very badly in the council. These questions made it difficult to raise more important ones and to bring out clearly the essential doctrines of the Christian faith. I think it ought to be emphasized that the statement of faith in such a council should be a written one and cover certain essential doctrines, whatever others may also be touched upon.

We met in the evening again, and held a session lasting until

ten o'clock or later, in which the question of ordaining was discussed. Bd. Giragos made a strong effort to induce Bn. Asadoor to be installed as pastor. In the course of the discussion Mr. Knapp asked Bd. Giragos if he had been installed as pastor of the Mezreh church and brought out the fact that Pastor Giragos himself is not the installed pastor of his church. There were several discussions which were not in place as to theme nor conducted in a spirit of Christian love, but it was finally voted to ordain Bn. Asadoor without installing him.

The next morning I went over to Garmuri and preached there; there was a meeting in Hooeloo led by Bd. Mardiros.

Before the ordination there was a meeting of preachers into which I happened to come. I had no word of it. The ordination service was held in the graveyard, and I must say I do not like the place. There was a great crowd gathered around, Turks, Gregorians and Protestants. Boys climbed the trees in the adjacent gardens. It was hard to keep the crowd quiet, and hard for the speakers to make themselves heard. I think a smaller audience inside four walls would be better. The Agha was there and sat through most of the service without understanding it. Mr. Knapp preached the ordination sermon on the text "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul, or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul."

Bd. Armenag gave the right hand of fellowship, but he made it a charge to the pastor, Bd. Giragos gave the Charge to the people, and he spoke with much power. He said at the first that the impression had gone abroad that he was opposed to the ordination of Bn. Asadoor, but it was a mistake. He only wished, what he was sure they also wished, that Bn. Asadoor should remain their pastor all his life. He referred to their former pastor, Bd. Asadoor Topouzian, and said that he had desired that he might remain their pastor until he should lay his bones with their bones in the graveyard where they were now standing, but it was not to be. And he had desired that this pastor who was to be ordained today might also lay his bones with their bones in this ground beneath their feet paitz cheghav (sic)

As soon as the ceremony was over the delegates scattered to their homes. At nine o'clock Turkish there was a church prayer meeting followed by the communion.

In the discussion of Saturday evening Bn. Asadoor's position on the question of baptism of children, which he had stated in his examination, came up for discussion. He said that ~~considered that~~ he believed the Scriptures taught both adult and infant baptism and he was ready to administer both, but that his preference was for adult baptism, and therefore he had not baptized his own children. And that he would not baptize the children of non-church-members. He had not thought his way through on this question, for when he was asked

whether the baptism of children were the duty or the privilege of Christian parents, he said it was the duty, whereupon they asked why it was not his duty. Saturday evening, pastor Mardiros said that Bn. Asadoor must have his children baptized on the morrow in order to show that he was not a Baptist, and he finally consented. Then the question of General Baptism came out. We took up position of oppostion to general baptism, and affirmed that Bn. Asadoor's stand on that matter was the only right one. Bd. Giragos laid the blame of the action taken by the Union in regard to this question upon you. He said that he opposed Bd. Thomas when the matter came up in the Union until you told him repeatedly that he ought to yield.

Bd. Mardiros offered to baptize all the children of the congregation on the morrow, and I told him that if he did, I would not be present. After the ordination Bd. Mardiros announced that there would be a baptism and communion in the evening. After the church meeting, at which the new Bd. Asadoor had announced that the children of both church-members and non-church members would be baptized; I remonstrated with him, and said that it was going back on his own position. He replied Bd. Armenag is going to conduct the ceremony and it is his practice to baptize all the children. But Bd. Armenag said he himself thought it would be better not to do so on this occasion. Still Bd. Asadoor Yeghoyan went on, and when the time came the people brought on their children in a mob. I am sure no one knew until they presented themselves who was going to present his child for baptism, and no account whatever was taken as to whether a grandfather, uncle or even a most remote ancestor was or had ever been connected with the church. To me it was a farce, and I could not say Amen to the prayer. I think Bd. Asadoor Yeghoyan made a mistake which will plague him hereafter, and I have a suspicion that he was actuated by a desire to get these children baptized so that the question might not soon arise again, and at least in his day there may be peace. Perhaps I do him wrong, but I cannot otherwise explain his readiness to so stultify himself.

I think this question is bound to come up at the next meeting of the Union, and I am inclined to believe that the tide is setting back in the right direction. If so, we ought to do all we can to induce the Union to take a firm stand against General Baptism.

I would not have attended the ceremony had Bd. Mardiros performed it, as he said he would, in direct opposition to the principle we were affirming, but as it was performed it was a mistake -not a premeditated crime. We are to meet this evening to talk over the council and to see if we can clarify our own minds as to what ought to be our position on the matters which the council brings into prominence.

Yours

C. F. Gates.

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Dear Dr. Barton:- Harpoot April 30, 1900.

I have this week received a letter from Miss Lord in answer to my letter asking her if she would consider a call to Harpoot. She says that she feels that her work is in Erzroom for the present, and the Lord would have her remain there, therefore I shall of course respect her answer as final and the question still remains open here as to the head of the Girls' school. I wrote to you that I have written to Dr. Raynolds that there is opposition in the station here to the location of Miss Daniels in Van, while Dr. Ussher is there. I now think that the members of the station would stand three in favor and five opposed to her going there, I myself not voting.

I have told Miss D. the same, and I do not know what course she will think best to adopt, nor do I know what Van will do, so it seems to me best to wait until we hear from them before we do anything.

Yours

C. F. Gates.

May 2 -

Dr. Ussher, writing from Erzroom, has started a vote as follows: "Whereas Miss M. L. Daniels of Harpoot has been invited to take charge of the Girls School in Van and has signified her desire to accept the invitation therefore be it Resolved that the Eastern Turkey mission approves of and hereby sanctions the transfer of Miss Mary L. Daniels from Harpoot to Van."

"Duplicates sent to other stations."

We had a session on this and the prevailing opinion is that Harpoot should not vote on it, and that Miss D. should stay here - I do not know how it will end. C. F. G.

would welcome Mr. Ussher's proposal, and I think we have had a call for her reassignment

Harbord, Saskatchewan, May 2.

Mr. Meyers, writing from Gregoria, has started a vote as follows: "Whereas Miss M. Downie of Harbord has been invited to take charge of the girls school in Gregoria and has signified her desire to accept the invitation therefore be it resolved that the Gregoria Sunday School officers do and hereby solicit the transfer of Miss Downie from Harbord to Gregoria."

"Multiply such to other stations."

We had a session on this and the majority opinion is that Harbord should not vote on it, and that Miss G. should stay here — but this will be left with the Harbord people.

Tuesday ,May 1.

Dear Dr.Barnum:-

Yesterday evening the Kaimakam sent word that he was coming with the mejliss. Of course I knew what that meant.

He said that they were collecting money for the government building,that they had already about $500 subscribed and over one thousand was necessary. I told him that up to this time we had never been behind in any such work.To this they all gave assent and began to recount all that we had done for the city,and the kaimakam said that he heard our praise on every hand etc. But I said we had never seen any corresponding kindness shown to us from the city,that whenever we wished anything done there was always someone to arise up in opposition, The former Re'is was sitting there and I appealed to him , and said the Re'iss knows what trouble we have had. He looked as if he did not know just how to take this. The kaimakam said that was because they had not had any government here before ,hereafter it would be different. Well,I said,leaving that out of the account ,our buildings have been burned and we have the rebuilding of them on our hands which will require all the money we can command. Our claim for indemnity has not yet been granted,our request for pernission to rebuild has not yet been granted ,and we are prevented from rebuilding what has been burned. I said I do not say who burned these buildings ,but they are burned and must be rebuilt.The kaimakam said. All that is past. Yes,I said,but so long as these buildings remain in ruins it cannot be forgotten. He said You should have begun in time to seek permission to rebuild ,so there might have been no delay. I asked him how long beforehand it was necessary to begin,that we had begun two years ago,should we have begun earlier than that? No,he said,it should not require two years. Others began to say that these delays did not arise from the local government but from the imperial government,that it was not the business of the local government. I asked them if they certainly knew that the delay did not come from the local government,for,I said,I do not know. How does the imperial government get its information regarding Harpoot?It inquires from the local government,and what answer they give I do not know.

Well,then the kaimakam said.I write to Mezreh and it takes me fifteen days to get an answer although there is only an hours distance between the two places.I said I do not wonder at that ,for it takes the post nine hours to come from Mezreh here.Oh,no,he said,not so long as that.Yes,I said,it does . It takes from seven to nine hours every week.You take note of the time when the post reaches Mezreh and the time it reaches here,and you will find it is

as I say.The surrejee rides on a donkey ,and it is a donkey post. He said
had asked the Vali to have a separate chanta for Harpoot,but he objected
letters came in the name of Harpoot which were intended for all parts of
vilayet,and it would cause confusion.Yes,I said,it would for about two mo
after that the people would learn that letters for Mezreh were to go to M
et el Aziz and letters for the city were to go to Harpoot. The thing woul
soon right itself.He said he would again address the Vali on that subject
All the mejliss said I was right on that matter. Well,they took their le
before long. I shall soon learn what impression my talk made on that mej
We must ask the Lord to overrule it for good. I had not thought it would
up so soon.

I dreamed all night last night that I was flying -can you explain
connection.I cannot.

We had a long talk over Hooeloo and the coming meeting of the Mio
Laura said that Bd.Asadoor Yeghoyan was deeply pained over the attitude
the preachers and especially the two pastors as shown in the council. Av
of Hulakegh seemed chock fullof envy and enmity,and did what he could to
up the Hooeloo people against their pastor. I was astonished at the spir
he showed.

We agreed that we should work for the abolition of General Baptis
that we should recommend the ordination of pastors as acting pastors wit
installation where the pastor and people were agreed in desiring it .An
was suggested that when the invitations to attend the Miouteun were sent
a list of the subjects to be discussed should be sent with them and amo
these shouldbe the subject of General Baptism .

You will see by the letter from Miss Lord that she is not coming
Mr.Browne was in fawor of at once talking with Mary and asking her to l
know what her decision would be .He thought that we ought to try to kee
at least for a year .But I told him that we should wait until we heard
Van and Sivas ,and I did not wish to seem to press the matter in any wa
keep her or to send her away.She should make her own choice without the
est constraint.I have no consciousness of wrong done to her that ought
confessed so that she might consider that she could work with me. And I
sure that it is better for her to stay.She would have hard work to rega
what she has lost.Therefore,I am determined not to put my hand to the
in any way. She shall make her own choice .We will all ask the Lord to
her. But I do not believe that Mary will ever get a blessing until she

such a complete self-surrender as she never has made yet.

I find that you have not given me the memorandum of Avedis' salary and its division, I can work it out, however. I docked Mardiros five piasters for staying a day longer at home than he said he would. He had told Kevork he was not coming on the day he told me he would come, so I knew it was a deliberate thing on his part. He has asked me to dismiss Kevork and take a Shirkhaji man in his place.

Yours
C. T. Gates

Haroyan says that Mosesian wrote to Arshag Ef. by the last post in regard to the error in Gulbank Khanum's account. And now he wishes to have the a/c settled up.

After the post left, Miss Gates received a letter from Dr. Ussher, written at Erzroom enclosing a vote regarding the transfer of Miss Daniels: "Whereas Miss M. L. Daniels of Harpoot has been invited to take charge of the Girls' School in Van and has signified her desire to accept the invitation therefore be it Resolved that the Eastern Turkey Mission approves of and hereby sanctions the transfer of Miss Mary L. Daniels from Harpoot to Van" Duplicate sent to other stations. Ladies have

I do not know what will be the outcome of this. Dr. U. has taken things into his own hands, and I suppose there is nothing left for us but to send our work on. He evidently wished the other stations to work before hearing from Harpoot - and I am willing - very - work - me a letter with the work -

Yours
C.A.G.

May 2 -

This morning we had a station meeting at which the prevailing opinion was that Harpoot should not work on the question, as it has been presented to us. and Mr. Browne went to see Mary and talk with her. He feels that she ought to stay here. I am keeping my hands off - What the issue will be I do not know -

C.A.G.

Mr. Browne has had a talk with Mary. It looks as if she would withdraw her resig

Harpoot, Saturday Evg.
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ar Dr Barnum:

It was Wednesday that the Kaimakam
lled on me with his majiss. Friday Shaban was
ry anxious that I should go with him to see the K—
anxious that I knew some one had been talking
him, and I think it was the K— himself—
riday evg. Naalchejie Zade sent word to Prof. I—
ll Mr. Gates, I hack drunk his coffee, he had
etter see the K—." I thought it over and con—
luded that it was evident the Kaimakam
ry much wished to see me and that it would
e better for me to keep him on my side, so I
ent Shaban to tell him I wanted to see him
ome. He said that my objections were valid,
ut not against himself but against the Vali.
acknowledged there was truth in that, but
said to him. "I do not wish to offend you. We
e gratified at your coming and we hope it
ill be a great blessing to the city. You are not
blame for what this city has done to us—
hey burned our schools, plundered our
ouses, our goods are in their houses now.
ince then we have been obliged to pay
d a year = £505 rent. We brought here over
[illegible] and distributed to the poor and that

prosperity kept this city from ruin and helped to
set it on its feet again. In return for this,
whenever we have any work to be done then
oppose us, and now your government has
been organized. The Russian community has 100
houses and they have a member in the Eda
Our county has more than 200 houses and w
have no member in either the Eda or the Ma
Kaché, although one of our county. (Caspar Ef
received the largest number of votes. The forme
Bellaheya Raiser, who gave us so much tro
is one of your neighbors. Now I said what assura
have we that our interests will be cared for?
We have made all preparations to build - yes
daily a telegram came that the Mada has bee
given, but it would be better for us to leave
everything and go ~~South~~ to ~~the~~ Mezgah where th
we can as than to build here under the former
regime". "I replied" I can give assurance. I will
give you a paper under my seal if you wish
It that I will look after your interests. Yo
do not need to know any one but me, a
whatever work you want done just send
to me and I will do it for you" etc, etc
He had already said to Shabain that if I did

not wish to subscribe £50, subscribe £10. Well, I am willing to pay £10. for the sake of a working relation. We shall see, just now things are lovely.

The K. inquired for you, spoke of you as a very good man. Your stock has gone up and mine down, I think, in the eyes of the Meglis.

This has been a trying week, and I am dog tired. I want to begin work on the buildings without waiting for the arrival of the irade. I am sure it is of no use to go to the Vali. I might go to the Vali, but it would do no good. The K. might do it, but I am afraid he would want a bonus. So I shall wait a bit and see.

May 8. We are working on estimates. There are 73 scholars in our schools. The only applications for Theol. Seminy. so far are for Special Bible Class. Iram does not intend to study theology yet. I think his mind is to study in A.S.A. later

Yours
C.T. Gates

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Harpoot, May 8th., 1900.

Rev. J.L. Barton, D.D.
Boston, Mass. U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Yours of April 4th. received, I am glad to get the news of the source from which the proposition to barter indemnity for irade' arose. And I would like to say right here that I think Mr. Strauss is the one to succeed himself at Constantinople. To exchange Strauss for Dickson would be a calamity. I do not think Dickson is big enough for his present position. Mr. Strauss is a very shrewd man, and he gained such acquaintance with the duties of his peculiarly trying post that I do not think a better man can be found for it. I should like to have all our influence cast in his favor, if we have any.

Of course we must use all our power to bring about the results we pray for. Trust in God does not by any means sitting down and folding one's hands. I only meant to say that in the matter of the indemnity and irade' we have to deal with a government which not only is not actuated by right motives, but is distinctly hostile to the very purposes for which we are here, and therefore unless God moves in the matter all the chances are against us. I have prayed for Mr. Strauss incessantly in the course of these negotiations that the Lord might give him wisdom, for I believe that the Lord can use him. And I have prayed that the Lord might put his fear into the heart of the Sultan, and if our government should be moved to send ironclads to C. it would seem to me to lie right in the line of my prayer.

Last week I received a telegram from Griscom, the Charge' d' Affaires at Constantinople: "Am officially informed of the issuance of Irade' for reconstruction of your college buildings." I hope this means that we shall be able to build right away. I have everything ready and shall rush things as soon as the order is here. I hope we can finish the girls' College this year, although it is rather late.

In regard to Erzroom I did not know that Dr. Dwight was a friend of Sovhanness Effendi. It would be a misfortune to reinstate him there at Erzroom, (I mean H. Effendi.) Stapleton has done good in freeing the work from his control. I am inclined to think that the transfer of Stapleton to Bitlis might be a good thing if only the right man could be found for Erzroom. Mr. Cole writes that he does not think Dwight is the man to go to Erzroom, says he made a muss of Trebizonde affairs. I do not know.

Yours
C. F. Gates.

I think I wrote to you that Miss Daniels has decided to remain here. The question of importance now is whether the relations between her and Miss Ellsworth can be adjusted. The latter has not the confidence of her associates, and there is not one of them that wishes to work with her. She has won the affection of the people, and if she were to be removed it would call forth much unfavorable comment, and perhaps make the position of Miss D. Still harder. The great difficulty with Miss E. seems to be that she does not hold her tongue judiciously and therefore anything which comes to her knowledge is said to become common property soon. Then she has a way of insinuating rather than saying things which set the hearer against someone else, so that her associates feel that, when she has gained the affection of any one, that person is necessarily suspicious of, if not hostile to, them. She has also a way of saying things which set the hearer on edge, so that her associates find it hard to be with her. She has many good qualities and much ability, though her judgment is not very good, and she is not careful in forming judgments. The question is whether she can be won and made over or not.

I confess it is a problem which causes me a great deal of anxiety. I know that if she were called elsewhere and chose to accept it, would be a great relief to all the circle here, but I do not think that such a course should be pressed if it did not come about naturally.

I had forgotten that Annie Allen had another year at Springfield I think she should come here, and Mr. Browne says that he shall not object to it if the station wishes her to come. We also need Alice Browne, when she is ready to come. We have now 1073 scholars here in all departments and the work is too big for our present force. I wish we could have two tutors here. Mrs. Gates joins me in sending love to Mrs Barton. Mrs Gates suffers much from nervous exhaustion. She has never been herself since 1895 and I do not know that she will ever be.

Dr. Fuller has written very warmly in praise of Dr. Jesse Marden but he wants that he should come to Aintab for a year during the absence of Dr. Shephard. I only saw Dr. Marden at Constantinople, and I do not feel that I can read a man's character at sight. But we ought to have some one at once. Just now there is an epidemic of scarlet fever in the region which has exhibited great virulence. For this colony alone we need a doctor. More than a thousand souls are gathered here daily.

Yours
C. F. Gates.

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Dear Dr.Barton:- Harpoot, May 29th. 1900.

The order for permission to rebuild our school buildings has come here and is now in the hands of the Kaimakam of the city. There is some disposition to make a bargain in regard to it, built on the fact that the imperial irade' was not sent here, nor were the plans and charts which we forwarded sent on, but the Minister of the Interior retained those and sent an order to the effect that permission was to be given to rebuild on the old conditions, specifications are made that the teachers are to have certified diplomas, that the course of study is to be approved by the department of public instruction etc. It will depend largely on the disposition of the local authorities whether we have any trouble or not. If they are disposed to construe this order to mean that we shall only build on the old foundations, it will prove an impediment to enlarging as we ought to do. But I am inclined to think that we shall be able to manage it. There is one element which complicates matters; the new government in the city is soliciting subscriptions for the building of a government building, and they wish aid from us. I am willing to aid them to the amount of £25, as it will help to cement friendly relations and we have a great deal of work before us, but they have intimated that they wish £100. I think that we shall be able to arrange this difference of opinion in a friendly way.

I have already begun on the foundations of the school building, and I hope to get the order in my hands today, in which case I will let you know.

May 30th. I have the order in hand. It provides that we shall build in the old place without enlargement, which is not at all in accord with our plans, but I hope that we shall be able to arrange that matter with the local authorities, so that it will not do any harm. I am on good terms with the Vali and the Kaimakam, and I am in hopes that we shall not have any trouble from them. I have however written to the Constantinople authorities and said to them that if any trouble arose from the wording of the order I wished them to be ready to meet it.

I am sorry that the order has not come in better shape, and I fear that unless it is changed it will surely give us trouble before we get through unless they succeed in changing it at Constantinople. The more I look it over the more apparent it becomes to me that it is very badly worded. It does not even say that permission is given to build schools but teachers' rooms. And it gives the local authorities a chance to make us trouble which I am afraid they will not be able to resist. I am sending a copy of it to Constantinople to see if it has been changed and where.

Yours
C. F. Gates.

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Dear Friends:- Harpoot, June 1st. 1900.

Yesterday was our Wedding Anniversary, and Emma's letter brought us congratulations -the only congratulations we received, for no one here knew it was our anniversary. We spent the most of the day moving to the garden, tho I went to call on the Kaimakam in the early morning, as I wrote to you.

The Kaimakam later sent two policemen to tell us to stop work until the Belladeeya should come and make a keshf. Of course I complied with this, and I am still waiting. The reiss has been away but returned today, and I expect the Belladeeya tomorrow. Naalcheejee Zade' called Prof. Tenekejian, and said that they had decided not to ask Mr. Gates again for aid for the Govt. Building, that twenty of them would each assume £5 more and make up the amount. Shaban told me that they were not going to allow me to build anything outside of the charts What charts they will take would be an interesting question, as the charts we sent to Constantinople have not been returned here, and I shall not give them any new ones; that would be equivalent to making a new petition. I have told the Kaimakam plainly that if I am hindered in my work I shall at once refer the matter to Constantinople. I do not think it would make a good impression, if the report should go out in America that this imperial order is a farce, really intended to hinder the work and not to help it.

Yesterday the invitation to Laura came from Sivas, and they were in the most cordial, friendly tones from every member of the station. Laura sent the letters around with a note from herself saying that as this invitation was asked for by the station she should consider it accepted unless the station wished to have it negatived. I read the letters at the garden, and I felt considerably relieved. I thought that Laura had put the matter about as well as it could be, and I said to myself Now the less said, the soonest mended. When I came in this morning I found that Mr. Browne had called Laura and Mary and had a talk with them and suggested to Theresa that she and Ada should try to see whether they could not get Mary and Laura together and reconcile them with a view to having Laura stay. I could have torn my hair, but the Lord has been teaching me some lessons lately, and I spoke calmly, but I said to him. If we take this matter up we shall make a mess of it. Let Laura give her decision, if she asks advice we will give it as her friends. But to try to reconcile these two with a view to her remaining is only to invite a continuation of our troubles. It is not a matter of personal animosity between Mary and Laura, but it is the fact that none of us can work with her that we have to consider. We are going to come together to consider it in a few minutes. Mr. Browne is afraid of the people and the impression in the school, but I told him we should simply have to bear that. Laura has already confided in Yester V. I am quite sure. And Baron Toros has been having a talk with Mr. Knapp, which I think bore on the same.* Now we are in for it, let us go through with it once for all, and have an end.

* He did not.

my daily prayer of late has been to be delivered from the fear of man and confidence in myselfwith reference to the government, and I think the same will apply to the people. I am willing to say to them that Miss E. is competent to take the charge of the girls' school at Sivas, and I think she will work far better alone than with associates .

We have had our conference together and Mr.Browne was still of the opinion that it would be better to have the ladies come together and try to remove their differences. I stated the matter as it looked to me .Finally they suggested that I go to Laura and talk with her, so I went at once. I had a long talk with her .I told her that I did not want to have her feel that this invitation had been planned of the station, that it really grew up in this way. The thought came to one of the station that Sivas needed some one of executive ability to manage their schooland she was finding her present position here impossible and that Dr.Barnum in writing to Dr.Barton put Sivas in as a suggestion merely. That he might have spoken to one or two of the station, but that I was sure the matter was never taken up and considered by the station and acted upon. If it could have been foreseen that this suggestion would result in action it would have been far better if before writing Dr.Barnum had come to her and said that this thought had come to him and asked if she would like to have him write so. But I said I was sure that no one regretted the unfortunate way in which the matter had come out more than Dr.Barnum did. Now, the thing for her to do was to put away the thought of that and act as if the question had now arisen for the first time. I told her that she was at liberty tn accept or reject this invitation as she deemed best. She said she would do whatever the station said, but I told her that I did not think the station was ready to say to her: Do this or that. If she wished the advice of any one in the station, ask it, and I was sure she would find us all ready to help her in any way we could.

I advised her to put away all considerations which disturbed or agitated her mind and set herself simply to find out what is the Lord's will for her, so that hereafter she might always be able to say: The Lord called me and he will sustain me. She asked me what my opinion was. I told her that my opinion should not be a determining factor, but that as she asked it I would say that the call seemed to me providential. Dr.Barton had made the suggestion to Mr.Smith, the secretary of the Western Turkey Mission, he had accepted it readily, the Com.ad Interim and Sivas Station had given it their endorsement and invitations had come to her which were flattering in the extreme in their cordiality. On the other hand her relations here were such as could not be endured, and it seemed to me like the closing of one door and the opening of another. Well, she said that she had considered the matter weeks ago and made up her own mind that it would be better for her to accept the Sivas invitation. I said that she

ould be independent at Sivas ,and she seemed to find it hard to work with ssociates.She said that was not so ,that she had never had any trouble in orking with associates and that she had never desired to be the head . he talk seemed to comfort her however,and we toox her out to the garden to pend Sunday with us. (I am now writing Monday morning,June 4th.) Saturday ester Varzhoohee came to Miss Bush to speak about it,and urged that we reconcile Miss E. and Mary. She said:You missionaries do not know Miss D. She s a great varbed. If Miss Huntington or Miss Hall come to her room,she calls ut,Come in ,with the most cheerful tones,but if she recognizes Miss E.'s tep she will not answer or open the door to her .She said that she called er soon after Miss E. came and asked why she made friends with Miss E. How o you know that you can trust her.She has only just come,How do you know whethe he is true or not? She said also that she did not believe that Miss D.Would st tay long ,and then we should have lost them both. Miss E. was kidoun and eloved etc."

Garo came to me,and I said that if the two could be reconciled,that ould be a great gain whether Miss E.were to go or stay ,because the relations ow are an offence and a hindrance to the work,but it ought to be independnt of the question of her invitation.

Well,now to go back to the government business.Saturday,I sent Shaban o Delli Haji to ask when they were coming to make a keshf.He said for me to rite an istid'a,that he was not independent. When I got this answer I did ot know at first what to do,so I went back to my room and asked the Lord for uidance. It was strongly impressed upon my mind that the thing for me to do as to go to the Kaimakam himself,so I went to him,told him that I should not rite any paper or reopen the question in any way ,that all that work had been one,our order had come and we demanded its execution,and I said to him If the lladeeya is to come let them coma,if not I will begin to build Monday morng. He said they might come,but they could only measure off a space sufficient r one teacher's room and order us not to build outside of that.

I said ,If that is your decision there is no need of the Belladeeya's ming.I will consider that you have officially notified me of the decision d I will appeal the matter on this basis.Yes,he said,that is my decision . went at once to Mezreh,saw the Ferik,who is the Vali's representative during s absence in Malatia,and told him the whole case and demanded the execution the imperial irade' .I also asked to see the original order and found out t they had been changed,so as to read "teacher's room" in the singular , tead of"teachers' rooms" in the plural.And I found that two orders have e,one to the Muarif ,in which Robert College is also mentioned and in the e terms with our schools. The term Teachers' Rooms is used because the arnment does not like to recognize our schools in any way if it can help it.

At the request of the Ferik I wrote out an istid'a for him to consider ,but I told him that I could not wait very long for an answer ,as the time for building was passing.

I said to him that if it were to be known that after long deliberations between two governments the order which was given as the result of these deliberations was a fraud and a cheat ,it would make a very bad impression indeed. That if he sustained the kaimakam in his interpretation ,I should of course be obliged to telegraph to our minister to that effect.

Wed. June 6th.

The Ferik sent a reproof to the Kaimakam with instructions that the order was intended to cover the building of our schools .So I went to see the Kaimakam again yesterday,intending to let him down easy if I could,he was not at the govt.building,so I went to his house,and found him drunk. He insisted upon his interpretation of the order and said that he would write and have the order changedetc. I told him that I would not wait for that,if he did not give me an order to build I would go to Mezreh and if they did not give the order I would telegraph to Constantinople at once. Well,he said,let the Belladeeye come first and make a report and then I will see whether it is necessary for me to wri write or for you.I told him I would wait until this morning,if they do not come today I shall go again to Mezreh. This man gives me to understand in a hundred ways that I must give a bribe in order to secure my purpose. So long as I am right I have no fear,and I would rather be right than to be successful. This will be a very busy day,so I cannot write more now .

With very much love to you all

yours

C.F.Gates.

I forgot to say that Mary and Laura have been reconciled ,and things are much pleasanter than before. They kissed and made up.

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Harpoot, Turkey. June 8th. 1900.

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Dear Dr. Barton:-

Enclosed please find a statement regarding the negotiations for the rebuilding of our burned school buildings. Remembering that the negotiations for the indemnity are still in hand, and that a considerable impression was made by the recent newspaper agitation it seemed to me that, if the state of things at the time when this comes to your hands seems to warrant it, you might like to put this where it will do the most good.

The representative of the governor informed me today that our order was only for the rebuilding of a few teachers' rooms, "one or two, at most five." Now, we are forced to one of two conclusions, either these officials have made a great mistake in the interpretation of this order in which case the Ottoman government should at once disavow their interpretation, or else the order was not given in good faith. By the time this reaches you the telegraph will, no doubt have informed you whether the government has disavowed this interpretation or not., and you can then judge whether the order was given in good faith. If you have not learned, it might be well to telegraph to Constantinople, "Have they begun to build Harpoot Schools?" We will inform Constantinople when we begin to build.

It seemsto us that patience has ceased to be a virtue in this matter, and that the facts in the case ought to be placed before the whole people and the indemnity and the irade' pushed to the end. I hope you will see to it that the authorities at Washington understand the matter fully. I am sending a long statement to Constantinople, but I do not know whether there is any one there to really push matters. I wesh Mr. Strauss were there, but perhaps he can do as much at home.

Miss Ellsworth is starting for Sivas on Thursday of this week. There has been less stir than I anticipated about her going, and it is a relief to her nearest associates.

I am very tired with the strain of the prolonged negotiations of the last two weeks and the closing days of school.

Sincerely yours

C. F. Gates

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Rev.J.L.Barton,D.D. Harpoot,June 5th. 1900.
Boston,Mass. U.S.A.

Dear Dr.Barton:-

Yours of the 2nd. and 8th. of May received ,the two drafts for Gergho Boyajian and Garabed.M.Krikorian have come tohand and been delivered .

Last week very hearty and cordial invitations came to Miss Ellsworth from every member of Sivas Station to come there and take the charge of their school. She felt badly at first ,because it seemed to her that this invitation was asked for by the station here,but I went to her and had a frank talk with her. I told her that Dr.Barnum wrote only as a suggestion,not officially,that so far as I know,only two persons outside of Dr.Barnum's family knew of his writing,and that the question had never come before the station, She said that she was willing to do whatever the station should say. I told her the station was not willing to say to her Go or Stay,that the call had come to her,and that it was for her to consider it and decide whether it was the Lord's call or not,and that it ought to be made so clear to her that forever after she might be able to say,The Lord called me and He will sustain.And I assured her that she was entirely at liberty to accept or reject this invitation .

She asked my advice,and I told her that the invitation seemed to me providential,that it had come to her with the endorsement of the secretary of the W.T.M. ,of the Com. ad Interim in Constantinople to whom it was referred from Sivas and of the Sivas Station,She made a very good impression in Constantinople and in Sivas. It offered her an opportunity to make her own plans and carry them out,and I thought she could do better work there than here .

We have moved to the garden,and we invited Miss Ellsworth out to the garden to spend Sunday in perfect quiet. We did not mention the subject to her or refer to it in any way,but simply left her to rest . Monday morning ,yesterday,she wrote my wife a note saying that her mind was made up to go to Sivas.

She will go at once. This is better for her,because it will enable her to see the school before it closes and note what plans she should make for the new year.

I am not without hopes that before she leaves such a reconciliation may be brought about between her and Miss Daniels as will make her leaving pleasanter and more helpful to the work than otherwise it would be. Perhaps I ought to say less harmful to the work rather than "more helpful". Several of us have spoken to Miss D. about this.

In regard to the building of the Girls' College,I went to the Kaimakam and found that he insists upon our giving £100 to the government building as a condition of his allowing us to build our schools,so I told him plainly that we would not do this,and if he insisted upon it,would appeal the matter .He insisted that we had in our irade only permission to build one teacher's

room. This was the way the order read when it came here .

I went at once to Mezreh, saw the Vali's representative, explained the case to him, presented a written statement, and told him that if he sustained the Kaimakam's interpretation I would telegraph to Constantinople, and I said it would make a great impression if it were known that this order given as the result of a year and a half of deliberations is a cheat and a fraud, intended to hinder work and not to expedite it.

The Vali's representative has presented the matter to his council, and they have written a letter to the Kaimakam that the order is for the rebuilding of our schools, but he is to be careful not to allow us to enlarge. I do not think that this restriction ought to be made, and I have written to the Charge' d'Affaires to this effect. We presented plans of all the buildings which it was proposed to erect. They have taken no notice of these plans at all. The disposition of the Government to restrict our work in every possible way is manifest. I asked to see the original order that came from Constantinople, and I found that one word had been changed from the plural to the singular in the copy which came to us. The original read teachers' rooms, a term used by the government in order that it may not give recognition to our institutions as schools if it can be avoided. The same term is used of Robert College, which is also mentioned in the document. Some one had changed this to read in the singular "teacher's room". This was a great help to the kaimakam, I have learned that the Vali's representative wrote to the Kaimakam to be careful not to give us offence, that if we should telegraph to Constantinople it would result in making them all ashamed. So I think that our business will be arranged.

I have just learned that Miss Daniels went to Miss Ellsworth, they had an interview, came to an understanding, kissed and parted in better terms. Miss Ellsworth will leave for Sivas next week. I am of the opinion that she will be able to do better work there than here. She is remarkably well fitted for work in some respects. Had it not been for the most unfortunate episode of Dr. Ussher things might have been different here. The roots of present troubles strike back into that soil.

I want to record my present conviction that the Lord has wrought for us in both of these matters recorded here in this letter, and I am deeply thankful.

A week ago tonight I spent a great part of the night in prayer and gained a peaceful assurance of God's support which has sustained me ever since and fills my heart with unceasing joy. The devil trains his servants well, but our Lord is mightier and more knowing. (This refers to youth work only.)

There is one other burden on my heart, one of our teachers, a graduate of our college, is in danger of making shipwreck of his faith and life. He has

lost faith in the Bible except as a book of high moral tone, Christ's divinity is to him false, the Holy Spirit a fable, and God is known only as Creator. I have not lost hope for him, but he has gone on struggling for three years and he has not yet learned that the difficulty is that he will not submit to God. He said that he felt that he could not continue in the school any longer without Christian faith, and I told him that he was quite right about that, if has definitely made up his mind on these points the best and only thing for him to do would be to leave the school. But I am deeply attached to this young man both for his good qualities and his ability, and I cannot bear to have him make shipwreck of his life. I have talked long with him at different times, but only God can overcome the will that will not bend, and He will never violate it.

In regard to the reports of the Ecumenical Missionary Conference we shall certainly want some, you can send four copies to my address, and have charged to me.

Mrs Gates and I thank you very much for your sympathy with us in the loss of our little girl. It was a sorrow that seemed to wrack my whole being and I have not fully recovered strength since, but I am sure it is all right. I am better content to trust her in the Lord's keeping than in my own, and if precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of any saint, what must be the death of a pure unspotted soul like this, so beautiful, so beautiful!

A letter from Van has announced the appointment of Miss McClaren for that station. It gives us great pleasure that the needs of Van are so soon supplied. The needs of Harpoot are now emphasized again, and I hope that as soon as possible Alice Browne and Annie Allen may be sent here. Whenever it seems to you best that steps be taken toward inviting them let me know and I will bring the matter before the station with a view to sending a formal vote.

Mr. Huntington has spoken in high terms of the young man whom Pres-Eaton mentioned. We will ask the Lord to direct in regard to his coming and give him a mind for the service, if he is the right one.

June 6th. I went yesterday again to see the Kaimakam in regard to building, I found him drunk, and he insisted upon his interpretation of the order, so I have given him until this morning in which to give me an order to build. If it does not come, I shall apply once more to Mezreh, and if I fail there I shall telegraph to our ministry. This man is a disgrace to the service. He gives me to understand in a hundred ways and by many intermediaries that if I will give a bribe all will be well, but how could I afterwards preach honesty to the people. So long as I am right I am not afraid, and I had rather be right than to be successful.

Sincerely yours

C.F.Gates.

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Dear Dr.Barton:- Harpoot, June 18th. 1900.

I have just received the following telegram from Mr.Griscom, Charge' d'Affaires "Telegram received.Am acting.The matter probably an oversight."

In view of this telegram it will be well for you to make sure that the matter has not been righted before giving publicity to it.I think it would be well to telegraph to Constantinople,as I have before suggested,unless you have reliable news.

Yours

C.F.Gates

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Dear Dr.Barton:- Harpoot, June 19th. 1900. 241.

Matters are still in the same condition as when I wrote you last week in regard to building.

In regard to the prospective appointment of a consul, it will be a great help to us during the rebuilding of these schools if he comes, and I shall expect to avail myself of his services in putting our Chemical department in order. Besides there is much work here connected with Armenian-Americans It will be a relief to us to get rid of that. If he comes, it would be well if we could know whether he would like to reside in city or in Mezreh, but he can hardly decide until he has looked over the ground. There is more work here for an American Consul than for a British.

In regard to Michael Minasian, if he is the right man, we shall be very glad to have him come. Mr. Browne and Miss Bush have both spoken to me in doubtful terms of him. They say that his father was under a cloud for immorality, and Miss Bush and Aunt Hattie speak of the young man as lacking in strength of character. But it is many years since they have seen him, and he may have had a Christian experience since then which has made him a man of power. I only speak of these things to emphasize the need of careful inquiry. But we greatly need men of decided Christian experience. We are praying for guidance in regard to him.

We should be delighted to get a kindergartner here. It is a great need. Miss Daniels, as you know has decided to stay here, but Miss Ellsworth has gone to Sivas, so we are very short-handed for next year. If this lady of whom you speak can come here it will be a great help. I suspect that she is the same one of whom Dr. Raynolds wrote that they hoped to get a kindergartner. We do not wish to draw away from any other place, but we have been supplying other stations of late.

In regard to returning to the old plan of one head for both male and female departments, it would certainly have been adopted had Miss Daniels left, but it is not well now to raise the question. I am still of the opinion that for Miss Daniels to have gone to Van would have been a sad mistake.

The registered package which you received was intended for the Shushanians. I directed the envelope, but Prof. Nahigian sent it off, and I supposed that he would write an explanation to go with it. I have just had a photograph taken of the college buildings which will interest you, and I will send one on as soon as it is ready.

Sincerely yours

C. S. Gates

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Rev.J.L.Barton,D.D. Harpoot,June 30th. 1900.

Dear Dr.Barton:-

Yours of June 5th. received with enclosed check for Sahak Kezir Der Sahagian and Dikran M. Kapelian. You do not say where the latter is,so I will keep the check until he calls for it,as also the former's.

In view of the fact that Dr.Dwight is a warm friend of Hohannes Agha of Erzroom,I think it is better that he should not go there. We must leave the friends there to work out their own problems,only it would be well to reinforce that station at the earliest possible moment,and it would be good if a man of experience ,with a command of the language could go there.

You have doubtless already heard of Miss Ellsworth's departure for Sivas. The community and teachers here were exceedingly sorry to have her go.She has many admirable qualities.Her chief difficulty seems to be in getting on with her associates,and I hope that in Sivas with free scope to make and execute her own plans ,she will do good work. As I wrote to you I put the question entirely in her hands ,to go or stay .When she asked my opinion I told her that I thought she would do better in Sivas than here. Now,we need reenforcements. I believe that you have at times expressed the wish that Harpoot might be a sort of training school for missionaries. Of late we seem to be carrying out that wish of yours. While speaking on that topic,I would say that all our station feel the desirability of having a physician,with possibly two exceptions,Miss Bush,who does not believe in physicians,and Mr.Browne , who says that a physician counts one in the force without helping out on the evangelical work of the station. With our large force and schools and orphans there is almost enough work to keep a physician employed all the time in our own institutions .The orphans especially need constant attention . Just now the need in our own circle is emphasized. Perhaps I shall not be violating confidence if I say that Mrs Browne is now in the family way,and her health is such as to give us some anxiety in regard to her. She has just received news concerning the state of Agnes' health which makes her very anxious.Mr. Browne has gone to Sivas with Miss Ellsworth,and at their request,he has gone on to Tocat to attend to work there .Mrs Browne needs him sadly at this juncture and feels his absence. What I started out to say was that this emphasizes the need of a physician. The native physicians have not the skill often needed to save one precious missionary life,and it seems to me wise economy to safeguard the lives which are necessary for the work,as far as we can see. Dr.Barnum felt very strongly the need of a physician.

Then,in regard to reinforcements for the schools. We need ladies. If we can get a trained kindergartner it would be an immense help to us.She could take charge of both the boys and girls ' kindergartens and also train teachers in kindergarten methods who could be available for other places as well as for Harpoot. The Kindergartens could then be committed to her care and so lighten the load of the principal.

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Group of Girl Graduates and Teachers.

Back row ,right hand, Miss Huntington, then come the graduates ,as follows: 1.Anna Bozoyan,of Husenik.2.Arouseag Nahigian,Harpoot. 3.Mariam Apkarian,of Mezreh.4.Aghavni Yeshilian,Harpoot.

Front row ,right hand,Yester ,daughter of Pastor Asadoor ,of Husenik. 2.Sara Bedrosian,of Diarbekir.3 Markarid Butika.4.Anna Gelgellian,of Egin.5.Deeroohi, of Choonkoosh.6.Miss Daniels.

Group of Buildings.

Left of picture above, the Male College, with terraces below which were built in relief work. The college and Varjaran classes are now crowded into this building. Just below the college and in front of it is the old High School, now occupied by the Middle School and Primary, The congregation worship in the basement, very crowded . Just to the right and beyond this building appears the president's house ,and beyond that in the distance the houses occupied as orphanages .

In the extreme right of the picture appear the three new missionary houses, marked by three bay windows jutting out over the street, immediately in front of these is the long building now occupied by the girls' college, which is the property of the community ,and in front of that is the house which belonged to Pastor Mardiros Schmavonian, and which we are negotiating for ,The building which partly appears in the very front of the picture is the house in which our Boys'Kindergarten meets, while across the street from it is the silk-factory. The ruins of the old chapel appear just below the High School, and the place of the Girls College is apparent just this side of the gatekeeper's lodge ,which rises just over the peak of the new missionary residences.

It will be apparent from this that we now occupy almost the whole of this quarter, and there are still several buildings which are not included.

I am sending by this mail post, please acknowledge receipt

C. H. Fitch

I have received a telegram from Mr.Griscom, the Charge' d' Affaires to the effect that the Foreign Minister had informed him that the mistake in the Irade' had been corrected by telegraph. I went to see the Vali's locum tenens and he said that it was not exactly that, but they were engaged in correspondence, and that the matter would soon be rectified, so I telegraphed to Mr.Griscom: Vilayet informs me no decision has yet been reached, and I telegraphed to the Vali, giving him the substance of the telegram from the Charge' d'Affaires and asking him for permission to begin at once on the buildings, leaving details to be settled when he should return, in order that I might announce to the Legation that we are building. I have not yet heard from the Vali, but he has telegraphed for information from the engineer of the Vilayet and I have paid the expenses of said engineer to go on to Malatia and explain the plans which he himself drew. The Vali's locum tenens seemed exceedingly desirous to get rid of responsibility in the matter, and I judge that it has grown warmer than they desire.

I will send to you two photographs which I have had taken of the graduating class and teachers. The boys group includes all the male teachers, but the girls does not include all the female teachers. The graduates are easily distinguished in the boys' group because they are holding their diplomas in their hands. I am exceedingly sorry to report that one of our male teacher is leaving the school because he has lost faith and become only a deist. He is a young man whom I love dearly and it is a great grief to part with him. I hope that he will yet regain his faith, but he says he cannot stay in this Christian school without Christian faith and that seems to me fair. He is the last one in the second row of teachers at the right hand of the picture Beginning with the back row and at the right hand of the picture the persons are as follows: 1. Melcon Benneian. 2. Garabed Moosekhian. 3 Samuel Khachadorian, the son of Pastor Giragos. 4. Kapriel Tanielian, the son of the old cook of the college. 5. Donabed Lulejian, the son of Garabed Varjabed. 6. Hohannes Hohannesian. 7. Mardiros Bujicanian. 8. Aram Yeretzian, of Moosh. 9. Garabed Varjabed, who is standing in front of the open door.

In the second row, beginning from the right hand we have 10. Kevork Habibian, 11. Hohannes Bujicanian, of Choonkoosh. 12. Muggurdich Vorperian, of Malatia. 13. Prof. Tenekejian. 14. Prof. Nahigian. 15 Garabed Soghigian. 16. Asshur Yussufian. 17 In the third row, right hand, Mr. Huntington, then the graduating class: 1. Kevork Kaiyarian, 2. Khachador Bonapartian, of Malatia. 3. Mihran Nahigian, of Husenik. 4. Nishan Hampartzoumian, Harpoot. Then comes

Yours truly

C. T. Gates

I am sending by this same post. please acknowledge receipt

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EUPHRATES COLLEGE

HARPOOT, TURKEY

Rev. G. L. Barton, D.D.
Boston, Mass.

July 2 1900

Dear Dr. Barton:

Hagop Magharaian desires you to send to him £60 — from the $750 deposited with you as per your letter of Nov. 22. 1899. Send the dft. on Janjigian to me and I will deliver to him —

450
60
270.00

Yours

C. T. Gates

Said Hagop came from Alaska —

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C O P Y .

Harpoot, July 4th, 1900.

Dear Mr. Davis,

I am sending to Dr. Barton by this post photographs of the college buildings and groups of the teachers. I will soon send the same to you and other photographs of the teachers also.

From my letters to Dr. Barton you will have learned the contest with the government in regard to the rebuilding. I trust that it is nearly ended now, and that we shall soon be at work. Please send to Mr. Peet a bill of exchange for 400 pounds in order that we may have a credit ready at hand as soon as the order is given for building. I trust that the indemnity also will soon be paid, and then we shall be able to repay what has already been expended on the purchase of material, etc. I have gone steadily on purchasing material, and have now about as much as I can store, but my hope is that we shall be able to build enough this year to secure place for storing whatever material is left over. It is a great advantage to buy material slowly, as the opportunity offers.

I have also purchased ground which will, I hope, enable us to enlarge our premises and avoid the crowding from which we have suffered so long.

Our schools closed well, and it is now time to begin to make our plans for next year, but we have never seen a time when the teachers available seemed so few as now. The time must turn some day, but it has long been running out. We have great reason to praise God for the way in which He has sustained the work with the workers at command, and we are trusting Him still.

I find myself very tired and not quite well, but I am in hopes that it will soon pass away, and I shall be myself again.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) C. F. Gates.

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Dear Dr.Barton:- Harpoot ,July 9,1900.

Yours of the first of June came July 6th. by way of Alexandria. The appointment of Dr.Norton as consul seems providential at this juncture when we are laboring under such heavy difficulties.I am writing to him at Constantinople,as you suggested .

The appointment of a lady physician here strikes us favorably. In case she should be appointed,I would ~~be~~ suggest~~ed~~ that,in selecting another missionary family,special regard should be had to the theological seminary. We must be doing something towards the supply of preachers for the field which is now greatly depleted . We proposed to call in a class this fall,but the college graduates are holding aloof ,because they are afraid that the class will be only a makeshift and will not afford them a thorough theological training .We had divided matters up thus: Church history,Dr.Barnum;Homiletics and Pastoral Theology,Mr.Browne;Theology , O.F.G. Exegesis,Mr.Knapp. But the idea of the young men is that we are all so heavily laden already that they will not have the right of way,but the work will be subject to constant interruptions. There is some reason for this fear. We are heavily laden. If a seminary is to be continued here, then there ought to be at least one man who would make that his chief work and have it continually in hand,so as to be training men all the while. If a regular class is not forthcoming let him take special men and give them special training for evangelists and Bible Work. And when a class is forthcoming ,then special attention must be given to it,so as to make the course a thorough one . PLease give this your best thought. Of course it will be necessary to plan a place for the Seminary,but I think it can be arranged in connection with the college.We have the library and recitation rooms there,and it would give theological students a field for active Christian work,in which they could be proved. I have an idea that if aid is given to theological students it should be conditioned upon their doing practical Christian work,something on the plan which I tried in Chicago Seminary , and that work should so pass under the review of the teacher that it would be a clinic of Christian Work.

The owner of the silk factory has made overtures to us to buy his property .It will probably cost somewhere from £700 to £1000,perhaps a little over. It depends on how much he wants to sell. The buildings must have cost £1200 or 1500. I think we should buy if possible.

Yours

C.T. Gates.

AUG 20 1900

Dear Barnum: Harpoot, July 16. 1900.

I am writing in the little room at the garden which Ellsworth occupied last year. It is our dining room now, and I have with my old table, which Laura bought back "from the hand of the Kurds" and I bought from her when she went to Sivas.

First of all, I must tell you that the Vali returned from Malatia on Friday last, and I called upon him on Saturday at 12.30. I found him receiving calls in his night robes with a stiff white night cap on, which looked like a baker's cap. He looked quite used up, and he said it was very hot. He said that our irade was evidently written wrong and that it must be corrected in Constantinople, that they had written that it was given on the representation of the Legation, making no mention at all of the petitions and plans sent on from here. I told him that the ministers of the Interior and of Foreign Affairs had both assured the Legation that this was a mistake of the scribe arising from confusing Robert College irade and ours and they both said that the mistake had been corrected by telegraph. He said "No", they have made inquiry whether the Americans

Harpoot, July 16, 1900

wished to build anew. Tiran was burned and if so, how much more". I tried to induce him to give us orders to begin and not wait for the correspondence which, as he himself said, was sure to come. But you know how afraid he is to take responsibility. He said he would call the Kaimakam down Monday, that is today. The Kaimakams went down yesterday and it is said that Dilli Haji also went down in his great hurry. I am going tomorrow to see what the result is. If I cannot get him to give orders permitting us to begin work at once, then I shall telegraph again.

I called on the Tirjuman of the Vilayet, a new office created for a Greek man from Constantinople, who left the capital in such haste that he could not even take a pocket handkerchief with him. I had a very interesting conversation which I will not write. He will be certain to call this afternoon. He has resumed his office as P.M. and he says he will send you a special letter. He says he put in a claim to the Mudaʼid Umumi to have the foreign letters sent up to the city and the foreign officials, Allouni Ef., Trans-

Harpoot, July 19, 1900.

Dear Mr. B.

Bd. Lisagar daughter Marian

gered to the city. I told him about your efforts to hair the separate charter for the city and he was much interested and wished you to write to the Postmaster General, so as to bring it to his mind again. By the way, the question is on the table whether the U.S. consul should reside in Mezreh or the city, if you have any views on the subject you might write them to H.S.B. Constantinople who is now the "buffer".

The condition of the vilayet is very low just now. One Mevlond is robbing and levying blackmail right and left in Hoorloo. The Vali ordered the Alai Bey to take him "alive or dead". The Alai Bey said he would try, but Mevlond laughs at the idea of the officers harming him. "Why, I give them half", he says. And he comes into Mezreh and delivers safely. One of Mr. Ekmann's orphan girls went to Suljuk and was returning with a man. They were stopped back of Gahmuri by Koords who took the girl and outraged her. The conditions of the courts of justice, too, is almost inconceivable.

Has Mr. Knapp written you of the trouble in Azadian's Orphanage. Ezekiel spoke to Hoh-

anne's Azadian about the severity of his punishments and about marked partiality shown by his wife to Garabed, one of the older orphans who works in the carpenter shop. The more the matter is investigated, the worse looks for Azadian and his wife, and now they are trying to hush it up. I don't know what it will end. Knapp did not say anything to us until the matter had become acute. We are going to sit on it soon.

Well, I don't want to give you a chapter of horrors. What is your impression as to the advisability of our sending theological students to Marsovan - men of good grade? I hear Van is going to leave Diarbekir and go either to Trebizond or America. I am writing to his to propose Marsovan.

You know I sent Khachador, the engineer who drew our plans to Malatia to explain them to the Vali. It seems to have done very well, and he says our old friend Mustapha Pasha spoke very strongly in our behalf. He said of course they are to build if the Govt. has given permission and it is foolishness to try to stop them. Such buildings are an ornament to the country etc.

Yours with love

C. F. Gates

Rev. C. F. Gates
Marsovan
Turkey
Aug. 1, 1900

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r Dr. B:

Bd. Giragos' daughter Mariam
ied last night, funeral this
fternoon.

yesterday Belladenya stopped
work on a W.C. at adanali
eglou house, then sent
a paper to me saying that
our work at the water garden
threatened danger to the
city water course over
beyond on north side,
and we must stop and
have the case tried by
the Belladenya. I refused
to receive the paper saying
that if work is to be stopped
Kaimakam must inform
me with reasons.

n the evening Ellsworth

came home from a tour
at Sliro the govt. put a
zaptieh with him. Lat
the Vali sent up for Mr. H
to come down with hi
two associates. He had gone
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this morning to receiv
his scolding.

It seems as if the Lord
were purposing to try u
these days. One thing aft
another comes on u
head. I think the middl
matter will be settled
satisfactorily before lon
and I imagine the wa
business will blow ove
Their foundation is very
weak indeed. C.T.S.

ar Dr. Barnum:

I saw the Kaimakam today. He
d received the order for the buildings from
e Vali, and referred it to the Belladeiya
ith instructions that it should be obeyed.
r calls for the building of the burned
chools on the old site without enlargement.
e says that according to this we cannot
uild on the site of the house on the wall.
t do not care for that. Our plans are
arge enough to take in all we need
without that, and I think eventually
we shall get all we need - I also
called on Willi Hajji and found him
quite gracious. The Kaimakam said
just as I was leaving the room: Get
ready the subscription for the government
building; as I went to the Belladeiya
I saw Kerim Eff. and he invited me

into his shop, so I had a very good
opportunity to say to him, that the K
akam had spoken of the subscription
I told him there were two things wrong
First, they had fixed the amount of
our subscription, which left us no
liberty. Second, they had said, Give the
money and we will do your work, if
not, not. That is bribery, and we do
not give bribes in any form. I told h
I would rather have all the schools un
than give bribes, and if the Kaimakam
mentioned the subscription now whi
the building of our schools was pendin
I should certainly refuse to give any
It was a matter of conscience. He said
would tell the K- not to speak of it no
and then said in Oriental fashion "I will
him if afterwards Mr. Gates does not bring y
a subscription I will pay it myself-" I think
shall begin to build next week. C.F. Gates.

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Harpoot, Turkey. July 27, 1900.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Your letter of June 27th. and one from Mr. Davis of the 29th. came yesterday. I am writing to him, giving him an account of the expenditures already made on the building fund etc. so I will not repeat. Mr. Browne will write to him also, expressing his own opinion.

I am confident that we shall win our way through in regard to the rebuilding of the Schools, and I think that our position will be strengthened, but there is only one way for us, and that is to go forward. I do not wish to allow personal matters in any way to interfere with my duty to the college, but there is a personal problem also which I cannot quite ignore. My boy Herbert has passed his twelfth birthday and the time is drawing on when he should go to America for education. I desire to go with him and examine the school in which he is to study and try to place him under the right influences. The dear boy is making a strong stand for Christ and daily winning victories in character which are a joy and comfort to me, and I should like to be sure that he is as well placed as possible. Then, too, I can not hide from myself nor from others that the last few years have told on me. I should be glad to get these buildings finished and rest awhile that I might be able to do better work.

I have said enough in my letter to Mr. Davis on the financial question, but it is evident to me, as I wrote some time ago that something must be done to meet the needs of the school apart from the indemnity. Matters in China will doubtless delay the indemnity. Our present quarters can not hold us much longer. I wish that some one would come forward in this crisis with a liberal gift for the college.

Our thoughts and our prayers are for China these days. And the tidings of the last post fill us with sorrow and anxiety. We have been hoping against hope, and we still cherish the hope that it may be found that some of our missionaries have found shelter and refuge in houses in the city so that not all have perished. Then, our hearts are sad for the Chinese Christians. God give them grace for the hour of trial and testing! I have hardly the heart to press the claims of our work while these brethren are in such sore peril.

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Yours
C. F. Gates

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quarters have now been built. But the question does not turn on that The Vali has sent a good telegram to Constantinople, setting forth the original schools and the contemplated new ones in such a way that there should not remain any chance for conflict, and I am expecting the answer in a few days. When it comes we shall make the attempt to begin work, and it will then be apparent whether the opposition in the city will resort to other expedients to hinder the work. The Vali has so far occupied a very reasonable and fair position.

I should say also with regard to the need for money that the owner of the silk factory is now pressing us to buy that property. This would render the building of two of our proposed buildings unnecessary.

I do not know whether the Trustees have any hesitation in regard to the prudence of my policy here. If they have, just say so. But we know the situation here better than they do, and we will make any reasonable sacrifice to put this work on its feet. No one not on the ground can appreciate how great the crisis is. For four years we have held our ground and gone forward. All the colleges in this land experience some opposition, but none so much as ours. In addition to this we are hampered by the loss of our buildings, the migration of teachers, the struggle for trade, the lack of money to rebuild and the weakness of our force of missionary workers in view of the greatness of the work.

Yours C. T. Gates

Dear Dr.Barnum:- Harpoot, July 28, 1900.

I send you enclosed a little statement, which I have prepared. I am sending one copy to Prof. Harris, one to Dr. Barton and one to you, that is all. The Trustees have twice appropriated funds for rebuilding $3000 and $2000, but I have practicallly spent all this in material. I have nearly $1000 worth of material on hand, in stone, timber, roofing, lime etc. Now, we need money for rebuilding. I am going to begin work when I get the order, if I have to pay the bills myself. Moreover Khosrov Effendi has become importunate in his proposals to sell the silk factory.

I know that your heart is bound up in orphans, but if you should chance to run across any one interested in education, who has money to invest, remember our need.

Yesterday morning the mejliss came to make a kesif of the water. They brought a mob of hamals and rowdies along to testify that we were stealing the city water, but Kerim Effendi was there, and he said "Never mind them, let them write what they please, we will attend to the matter afterwards."

I have done what I can, and now there is nothing left for me but to rest in God and let Him work for us. I am pretty tired with this constant pressure. I hear that Delli Baji has some men ready to come forward and claim the ground on which the Girls' school was built if we get the order, but I do not think they can make a plausible case. Their idea is simply to delay us, until it is too late to do anything this year.

Mr. Knapp has gone to Arabkir with the idea of bringing the orphans here, because matters there are not satisfactory.

I will enclose a group of our family. I hope that the cold is not giving you a set back. We want to hear that all your surroundings are helpful to you.

Yours

C. A. Gates

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Dear Dr.Barnum:- Harpoot,July 30,1900.

The Syrian Bishop,Abd ul Noor has just been here and left with me a letter to be sent to you which he insisted upon reading to me. In it he asks you to send him ,or rather to bring with you to him,a little hand printing press.He says he has talked with you about it before you went away,and that he has talked with the Vali about it,and he will give him permission to use a little one here. He says that he is on very good terms with the Turks ,which I suppose was intended to be a reflection on myself. I told him that you were on the top of a mountain,and not near any great city where you would be apt to see such things and therefore I did not believe that you were able to fulfill his commission,but he wanted me to send on the letter,which I do only adding that I think it is time and money wastedto attempt to aid that man however much the goodness of your heart prompts you to aid every one. This man will do no good to any one,he lives for himself only and his presence here is a damage to his own congregation.

I am not feeling at all well this morning,and am suffering an unusual depression of mind,which I suppose is largely the result of physical indisposition,so I will simply cling to my hope until this shadow be overpast.

Aug. 1st.

Tuesday.July 31.

I have been talking with one well posted in city affairs,and I have learned to what extremes the officials were prepared to go.The Commission in charge of the collection of aid for the government building had considered the advisability of making the keshf of the water course their opportunity to get even with me. The mob which I told you they brought with them were to set upon me and Tenekejian and give us a sound beating,but the plan fell through or was withdrawn. Kerim Effendi saw the Mufti and enlisted him in our behalf, they drew in the Kaimakam ,and they informed the Vali all about the matter. I am assured that now the water business has been put upon a sound footing and we shall be allowed to go on with the work ,only I am to wait until the Vali sends me word,which I am quite ready to do,as the work has been practically accomplished and the water is flowing into the city.It only remains to see whether we can get a little more or not. Kerim Effendi told some one that he would do us this good turn in repayment for the evil turn we did him in the matter of those timbers ,"let them think " I confess I feel somewhat ashamed of that matter myself now.

It seems to me very probable that along with the order which came here in regard to the buildings there came also another order which was not

to the same effect. Indeed I know this to be the case, but I cannot say so because it might involve my informant. We have to fight the battle out in Constantinople.

Delli Haji now puts in a claim for a present on account of the keshf which they have made. The cheek of the man is amazingand the absolute lack of shamelessness.

Do not say anything about the beating I was to have had in your letters, I do not like to have Nellie troubled with those things, for they worry her. You know I am not afraid of them.

The Silk factory is for sale. Its owner wishes to leave the country and end his miserable life here. He says that he will certainly agree with us as to terms etc. This calls for money . It seems to me that there never was a year when so many problems were crowded into so short a space of time as now. I need the more frequently and earnestly to have recourse to God.

At the same time applications for admission to the school are many, one from Cyprus, one from Gurun, one from Divrik, one from Sivas etc.

Yours C.F.G.

Aug. 1st.

History makes fast. Shaban brings word that the Kaimakam and Delli Haji have quarreled. Delli Haji sends me word that they are going to open their water course and wish us to open ours. I suspect a plot and do not intend to go there. My blood tingles with desire to go and let them try it on, but my judgment tells me it is not wise to expose myself to that crowd of porters and roughs — God will guide. I think Delli Haji, having quarrelled with the K. is now trying to open the case again with us.

C.F.G.

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July 31st.

Events move on so fast these days that I am compelled to add to my letter to bring it up to date.

I wrote to you a statement of the course of this irade matter with the idea that it might be well to have it generally known. I do not know whether you have thought it best to put it into the hands of men competent to use it or not, but I can add now some information to show that the place where pressure must be applied is in Constantinople I have it on good authority, which however I cannot disclose for fear of bringing others into trouble, that at the same time with the order for the rebuilding of our schools another order came here instructing the local authorities not to allow us to build anything at all adequate to the needs of the schools . This explains the boldness of the local authorities in trying to make a deal with us . I thought them foolish even from their standpoint, but I can see now how they thought they had immunity and authority from above.

To show you to what extremes they were preparing to go I will state that it was under consideration to take advantage of the investigation of a water course which we are building to give me a sound beating. Just at that time I appealed to the better class of Turks in the city , and they rallied to our support and over ruled the rowdy element . I do not mean to take any credit to myself in the matter. My strong conviction is that this was in answer to prayer, and that it was God's intervention disposing the better Turks to take up the matter. And I assure you that were it not for my firm confidence that this is God's work and that He has led and is leading me in it, I could not bear up under it a single day. Rob me of the rest in Him and access with boldness unto His throne of grace, and there is no power under heaven that could keep me here. "This God is our God for ever and ever. He will be our guide , even unto death."

At the same time with these difficulties, applications for admission to the school are coming in every day. One boy from the island of Cyprus, one from Sivas, one from Gurun, one from Divrik etc.

The owner of the silk factory is pressing for the sale of that building , and it seems to me that it is very desirable that we get it, but that also involves funds . We need not less than $10,000 right away and more soon.

There is still another matter about which I wish to speak to you although it is uncertain. Those who are nearest to Miss Daniels seem to feel that it is a question whether she will stay here long. They think that her heart is still set on going to Van , sooner or later . They may

be mistaken ,or it may be that when we get our new buildings under way Miss D.will find her interest in the school and enthusiasm for it kindling afresh and forget this ,but it seems to me that,without saying any thing about this matter in a way that would get back here,it would be well for you to have in mind that in such an eventuality we should need a woman of ability and experience here capable of taking up the work of the college and carrying it on. It would not do to have that work drop suddenly on those who are now here ,and I fear I cannot carry much more than I now have on my shoulders. We are praying daily that God may guide in the call and sending out of the necessary workers for this field. Even my little boys pray for this,and I confess it strengthens my faith to hear them.

Sincerely yours

C.F.G.

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Harpoot, Turkey. Aug. 4, 1900.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.
Boston, Mass. U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Your letter of July 10th. came by this week's post. I thank you for your kind offer of assistance. It is true that the strain upon me has been and is very great this year, and I could not sustain it at all were it not for the sense of God's guidance and grace.

As I wrote you a few days since, our great need is financial aid independent of the indemnity.

In regard to the irade' I begin to fear that both that and the indemnity are likely to be postponed by the feeling which the Ottoman government now has that troubles in China have given them a free hand. I think that the whole course of negotiations should be put before the American public at a suitable time. I called on the Vali yesterday to tell him that the Legation reports that the Grand Vizier has said to them that he had telegraphed to the Vali that our burned buildings were to be rebuilt. The Vali assured me that he had received no word except the first telegram for the rebuilding of "Teachers' Rooms", and he added that if I were to sound the trump of judgment he could not do anything without orders from Constantinople, which was his way of giving me to understand that he had orders which he could not disobey. It is perfectly clear now that it is as you say, the Turkish government wanted the reputation before the world of having yielded without yielding a single thing. And it seems to me that the world ought to understand this.

Since my last letter to you I have learned one or two facts that go to strengthen the feeling that Miss Daniel's stay here is of uncertain tenure. She has said that the question of her going to Van is not settled and has spoken of the possibility of her going away, several times. I do not think that she can entertain the thought of leaving this year, but she has spoken in a way that gives rise to doubt even on that score. I have my doubts whether a vote for her transfer to Van could be carried in the Mission, and I think Dr. Ussher most unwise to keep agitating the matter, but I have said all that it is necessary to say on that score and I do not like to recur to the subject. I only speak of it now to emphasize again the need of some one competent to take Miss Daniel's place if she should leave, and the sooner we have such a lady the better. If Miss D. should leave, I should wish to have one lady trained in Kindergarten work who could take charge of boys' and girls' kindergartens and so separate them from the other institutions. In the same way, I should put the Gurtaran and Mangaran under the special care of one lady and so lighten

the labors of the principal. Indeed, in that case, it is a question if we should have any principal, save that one lady would have need to take special charge of the Home Department and of the college and High School. I think that by dividing the work up we can secure better results with less exhaustion. Our first need is a lady of experience and ability competent to take charge of the Home Department and the College. In regard to Annie Allen, I have talked with Mr. Browne, and it seems to both of us that we should put first our need of the lady of whom I have just spoken to take the lead. Annie would not do for that, then after that need is supplied, we want two other teachers and, it seems to me that Annie Allen and Alice Browne would supply that need. Mr. Browne is not so sure of Annie Allen as I am, but we should put the matter before the whole station and let a decision be made. But we both think it not better to bring it before the station just now. Annie has another year of study which she wishes to take, and we shall try to get on with our present force this year unless the leading teacher can be found. Of course, this means that we should not consider it right for Miss Daniels to leave us this year, whatever may be her ultimate decision.

In regard to Mr. Huntington, I should have been glad to have found a tutor to take his place, so he could go home and study. It is a sacrifice for him to delay. But he has consented to stay if no one else is found, and I presume that will be the result as time has now passed. He wrote to Harvard, asking if it would do any good for him to apply for a scholarship for next year and saying that he probably would not be able to use one this year if he had it, as he should have to stay here. That is the way in which your information came. I cannot tell you what a comfort and help he is to us. I wish he might get the scholarship he wants for next year.

Miss Ellsworth has made a very pleasant impression in Sivas, and I think she is herself well pleased with the situation there. She has much ability, and if it proves the means of building up the work there it will be a happy solution.

In reading over this letter I see that it may give the impression that we only wish the Kindergartner in case Miss Daniels should leave us, that is not the case. We want one in any case.

Yours

C. A. Gates

Dear Dr. Barnum:- Harpoot, Aug. 6th. 1900.

I think I told you in my last letter that the Kaimakam and Delli Haji had quarreled. On Saturday, I called on the former and he said that the Belladeeya Raisee, for the sake of exerting pressure had sent him a note saying that he had gone with two members of the Belladeeya and made a keshf of the water which we were bringing to the city, and that he had appointed a time for opening the two water course and had opened the city water course, but Mr. Gates did not come to open theirs but had hastily covered up all his wells, and asking what course they should pursue in the matter. The Kaimakam said that he did not refer the paper to any department, but wrote a note enclosing it and said that if they had made a keshf to report the result. If they found that the wells which we had sunk were injurious to the city to say so and state the reasons, and if they were not injurious to say and state the reasons. He said, Let him say they are injurious, can he get the Belladeeye to sign it?

I told him that I went to the keshf but the Belladeeya had brought with him such a rabble of porters and roughs that I was ashamed and disgusted, and that rather than enter into a quarrel with such a mob, I would abandon all claim. I said if I get any water, half of it goes to the city and there would remain only a few drops to me. For a few drops a quarrel of this kind is not seemly, it brings no honor either to me or to the city. He said that he should finish it up and that there was no reason why we should not go on and work if we wished to.

I saw the Vali on Saturday and told him that the Legation reports that they are assured by the Grand Vizier that he has telegraphed to the Vali that the buildings burned in 1895 are to be rebuilt, but the Vali said he had received no word except the first telegram for the rebuilding of teachers' rooms, and he added: "If you were to make a great outcry I could do nothing here. From this I understood that he had orders which he could not disobey.

So far as I can now see, there is only way out of this tangle, and that is to demand a firman and press for it until it is given. They apparently have no intention of giving such orders as are needed, and they keep putting off the Legation by saying that they have given them. The Legation must obtain something tangible, or there will be no assurance that anything can be done.

The Kaimakam has sent me word that he wants to see me this afternoon, and I am going as soon as Shaban brings me word that he has reached konak. He is quite cordial these days, and the Vali extra-cordial, but I do not build too much on this.

Yours
C. F. Gates. (over)

Aug. 8.-

We have bought Kewok Habib's house adjoining the Adanali Oglou house - It starts next Monday.

The Kaimakam has been suspended from office. A Kolaghasi was beaten in the lower quarter and the Kaimakam imprisoned him. A day or two after his release from confinement he died. The Inspector of Justice thereupon suspended the Kaimakam and has ordered him to be tried on the charge of causing the death of this man. Delli Haji is overjoyed.

Rev. G. F. Gates, D.D.
Harpoot, Aug. 8, 1900.

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Dear Dr. Barton:

Yesterday I received this telegram: "Final instructions were telegraphed to Vali yesterday." Grissom — charge — I went to the Vali, but he said no telegram had come to him yet, it might come the same evening and he would then inform me. Meanwhile the Kaimakam and the Head of the Municipality have quarrelled, and the Kaimakam has been suspended from office and ordered to stand trial on the charge of causing the death of an officer who

was beaten and imprisoned
Things look more favorable
for us just now.

Yours
C. T. Sato

Harpoot, Aug. 14. 1900. 256.

Dear Barnumenk:—

You have gone beyond the bounds of the "io", and so I fall back on the armenian to describe your whole ilk.

We have had a hot day, wind from the south, and it was Kapriel Samelian's wedding day. They were married in the chapel at 2 p.m. The newly married couple have taken rooms in Aivoslie Garabed's house, and when we went there the sun was beating on those west windows, and the small rooms were crowded, and the air was crowded too. Kapriel looked very solemn, and I felt the way he looked, but I could have cried if I could. Mr. Knapp performed the ceremony and he joined the heads of the bride and groom instead of their hands, or perhaps in addition to their hands, so they were well joined. He says this is a custom in the old church. He placed the forehead of the groom upon the forehead of the bride, and when it became the duty of the groom to respond that he would take this woman etc. he raised his head and nodded affirmatively, but the bride got mixed up, and she nodded too soon, so she had to nod twice, an unusual amount of affirmation for

under consideration to make a demonstration against our building in the hope that the Sultan will hear the desires of his people and stop the building of these detested foreign schools - I hardly think they will really have recourse to such an expedient - and yet they are a fanatical lot. I have thought of saying to the Kaimakam that we have heard such a report and we shall expect the government to protect us in carrying out the Sultan's order. But Delli Haji, the Belladeiya Raisu, is with the moolahs of course, and whether it will do any good to invoke the aid of the Kaimakam against the municipality and the moolahs, I don't know. I was thinking over the question this noon, and I took up my Bible and found that my reading for the day was the 62d Psalm. This morning when we came to our morning devotions Nellie said she and the children had been learning this psalm, and she proposed that we repeat it, quoting Luther that every man ought to read that psalm every day. It seemed to me that the psalm was sent to me as God's message for this time. See how it fits: —

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"My soul waiteth (is silent unto) upon God: from Him cometh my salvation
My soul wait thou only upon (be silent unto) God: for my expectation is from Him.
He only is my Rock and my Salvation, my High Tower: I shall not be moved ---
Trust in Him <u>at all times</u> ye people: Pour out your heart before Him. God is a REFUGE for us.
God hath spoken once, twice have I heard this that POWER belongeth unto GOD." All the psalm fits.

I think that in this last verse David referred to marked experiences in his own life when this message from God had come home to his own soul. Now, surely God has said this to me once and again in the course of these very negotiations, so "I will trust and not be afraid. What can man do unto me?"

Badville Kawne has written me two letters filled with his own very earnest desire for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon missionaries, preachers, teachers, students, churches and communities. I would send you the letters but they are in arabic. He proposes to come on here sometime this fall for spiritual work. The Lord add His blessing!

a bride. There were quite a number of peop
at the church. The groom's best man I recogn
at once as a young man who came from
america about a year ago and who, when
he called on me, sought to show his know
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ance with american ways by swearing round
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to me saying, "Final instructions were telegraphed
to the Vali yesterday". I called upon him the
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again: "Vali has received no orders yet. Im
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that all the burned buildings were to be rebuilt
as before. I went to see the Kaimakam yes-
~~terday~~ this afternoon to find out if he
had received orders, but he had gone to Ma
I presume the Vali had called him for the
purpose of delivering the order and giving him
verbal instructions. So far, the Vali has dealt
squarely with us, and I am inclined to
think that he will do the fair thing now.
But I learn that the moolahs have a plan

Haji Hohannes has an idea of going to America. His father says that his khelk is not in his klouk.

I had a long day at Mezreh last Saturday, settling up the account with the merchant who has been selling arabkir cloth there. Such a time! To go into business transactions in this country is like walking down into the mouth of the bottomless pit. Such deceit, suspicion, falsehood, dishonesty as one comes into contact with at every turn.

Janigian and Garabed Agha stood by me faithfully and by their help and God's favor we succeeded in closing the business up without loss.

Mr. Ehrmann is in hot water. The Vali has come down upon them in regard to the buildings which Harpootian and Br. Bedros have been putting up. He called Bedros and told him that he could not build any wall around the house. It is in full sight from the Serai and I suppose the idea is not to allow any chance for hiding their doings. He said also that he must not rent it to Mr. Ehrmann. Bedros said he did not intend to rent it to Mr. Ehrmann but he was going to take some orphans on his own account. The Vali said he could not put any orphans into the house.

think that they are trying to manage it so as not to offend the fanatical party. They have stirred up much bad blood which they do not find it easy to quiet down again. I can wait, I have about all I expected from the garden now.

Mr. Jones writes of coming here soon. I have just written a "quarterly" for him.

I trust you will not be frightened by my news budget this week. So many things happen these days it requires a "newspaper" to keep up with the times, but as in reading newspapers you are privileged to skip what you don't like.

With much love from our quartette to your sextette - Sincerely yours

C. F. Gates.

All your doings are of interest to us, nothing is too trivial to write which interests you. Your walks and talks help us to walk with you in spirit. We love you all and follow you daily. And when the post comes, the first inquiry is for letters from the Barnums. I ventured to open the package addressed to Mary and take out the enclosures for others. The letters for Mary and Ada I sent to the Lake.

The same injunctions have been placed upon the Harpootlian house. Lehmann must have put in about £2000 into the two, and it does not seem as if he could get any profit at all out of them.

Last Saturday, while I was down in Mezreh, Azadian and Ezekiel had another disgraceful row in Mr. Knapp's study. I wanted to take the matter up and insist upon summary measures with these two men. If this sort of thing goes on, what kind of influence will it have on the orphans? But Mr. Browne does not wish me to say anything. As I was absent I am not supposed to know anything of it. I think his idea is to handle the thing tenderly and he fears my direct methods. I want to say to Knapp that he ought to keep a firmer hand. He is too easily influenced and he is very slow to ask counsel of his associates. I think that the orphan work needs your guidance.

I will enclose a letter from the camp at the Lake.

We had another rush of the water cures last week, and we have assurances that the matter will be settled satisfactorily;

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Harpoot, Aug. 16, 1900.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.
Boston, Mass. U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Yours of the 20th. of July with enclosure from the State Department came this morning. It is at least a little singular that, if the wording of the order for the rebuilding of our schools was due to a mistake, the government should have been so slow to correct it. Last week I wrote you that Mr. Griscom had telegraphed to me "Final instructions for reconstruction were telegraphed to Vali yesterday. I called on the Vali at once, but he had no instructions. I called again four days later and again he had no instructions. I thereupon telegraphed again to the Legation: "Vali has received no orders yet. Time precious." Three days after this telegram the order came to the Vali. He called the Kaimakam to Mezreh and gave him instructions in regard to it. I called upon the Kaimakam yesterday, and he showed me the order which reads thus: "Permission is given for the rebuilding of all the American Schools which were burned on the old site without giving opportunity for enlargement". It has evidently been their purpose from the purpose to shut off all enlargement. However I do not care for that, as I can do all that we need under this order if I can get the money for it. The Kaimakam was quite affable, but as I went out of the room he called after me to get ready the subscription for the government house, so I went at once to a friend of his and told him that if the subscription for the government building was mentioned in connection with the rebuilding of our schools I would not make any subscription at all. That they had made two mistakes: first, they had fixed the amount which we were to pay, thus leaving us no option in the matter, second, they had made this subscription a condition for getting our work done which reduced the matter to bribery and we would not give bribes in any form whatever. I would leave all the schools unbuilt rather than pay a bribe, that this is a matter of conscience with us. He promised to see the Kaimakam and make him understand that the subscription to the government building must not be mentioned in this connection. I think that it will be well to subscribe for that building afterwards as a matter of public spirit. It would always be a reproach to us if all the people of the city were giving for such a purpose and we gave nothing, but it must be in a way that will not allow even the semblance of bribery.

My little boy is feverring today. Scarlet fever is epidemic here, but I do not think he has any symptoms of it.

Sincerely yours

C. F. Gates

The final examination of the buildings will be made tomorrow or next day, and we shall probably begin work on Monday. The other matter of the water course has also been arranged. I simply waited until they became so ashamed of themselves that the Head of the Municipality himself told me to go ahead and build the water course.

The Checks for Garabed Ananian and Krikor Chookadarian came by this post all right.

The condition of China is constantly on our hearts and in our prayers. We must simply trust the Lord. This is safe and true wisdom. It is ours to go forward as He opens the way and not to lag a step behind His leading.

Prayer has become most real to me in these dealings with the government. I flee to it, as a refuge from the wiles of men and their hate, and I have prayed most earnestly to be kept absolutely upright in my dealings with these unrighteous men; it is so easy to let down our standards to the level of theirs, but it is fatal to our own spiritual power. I am sure that we lose standing with God and men the moment we do so. The Catholics often excuse their people in lying to the government on the plea that the government has violated its pledge to protect them, but it seems to me that this is both wrong and bad policy. The officials recognize double dealing at once, they are far more proficient in it than we, and can always outwit us at it. And they also recognize honesty and honor. I believe that this is the sole ground of the favor which the Vali has shown to me. He believes that I deal honestly with him. He has said so to Janjigian. The Diarbekir Vali said the same of Mr. Browne. And, as I told Prof. Tenekejian one day, if there were any act of mine in these dealings which my own conscience told me was wrong, I should be shut off from my only source of comfort of wisdom and strength, because I could not pray. A man said to Mr. Browne about this contest "We are watching you and the whole city is watching you; you are fighting a great battle, it is a battle for liberty." I call it a battle for right. And I have the support of the psalmist "The Lord is with them that uphold my soul."

By the way, the confidential information which I gave to you in regard to Mrs Browne's condition turns out to be a mistake. I hope nothing has been written to them, as she felt rather mortified, though she has no cause to feel so at all.

My little boy is fevering today. Scarlet fever is epidemic here, but I do not think he has any symptoms of it.

Sincerely yours

C. F. Gates.

Please return at time to Mr. James Lee Barton, Jr.

Harpoot, Aug. 19. 1900.
Sabbath Afternoon.

Dear Dr. Barnum:

You will wish to know the last chapter in the history of our "Struggle". I went to see the Kaimakam on Wednesday and he said they would come and make a "keshf" on Saturday. Saturday morning they came about eleven o'clock. The Kaimakam entered first and took the chair before the west window in my study. Delli Haji, coming next, hastened across the room and took a seat on the divan in the corner of the room so that he was above the Kaimakam. As Jenekyian came in he went to the front door and opened it to let in more air. As he opened my study door into the hall it hid Delli Haji from view, whereupon I remarked that the Kaimakam was seeking to hide. How the Kaimakam did laugh at that! Mr. Browne said when they came he dropped on his knees but when he heard the Kaimakam laugh so he thought there was not so much need of praying after all. After sherbet and coffee we went out to the buildings and opened up the plan first on the roof of the present Girls' Sanjaran where they could see all the Girls' Schools. They said they could not give permission for the House-

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this matter from the beginning right through to the end. I do not feel at all like boasting only very grateful to the Lord and very much rejoiced that the long struggle is ended and we may begin to build with a clear conscience and nothing behind us that can ever be thrown into our faces as a reproach upon the name of "Christian" which we bear.

At the government house the Kaimakam said to Senekjian that he hoped we would overlook whatever had been said more or less in all these matters. Was not that a great deal for him to say.

I was suffering from an abscess which made sitting difficult and which had kept me in a fever all the preceding night, and the fever was on me all through the forenoon of Saturday. After the Keshf was over I sent for Dr. Michael and had it lanced and so obtained relief. When evening came I was about used up, but I had a good sleep and feel better today.

Now we must pray and trust for the money with which to build. We cannot wait for the indemnity. We have drawn upon the college funds as much as they will stand for materials, and we need money at once. We will turn to the same Lord who has guided these

good sleep and feel better today.

Now we must pray and trust for the money with which to build. We cannot wait for the indemnity. We have drawn upon the college funds as much as they will stand for materials, and we need money at once. We will turn to the same Lord who has guided these negotiations to a successful issue and trust Him for the money. What a grand thing it is to have such an all-sufficient Helper to go to! Sufficient for the protection of His humblest child in China or Turkey against the opposition of rulers and the fury of mobs, and sufficient to arrange every detail of our life and work for us! And how our personal love for him grows and intensifies with each new experience of what He is in Himself and the grace and favor He shows to us. Admiration, sympathy, love, gratitude – all bind us to Him more and more closely.

Your last letters brought us much joy. We are so glad that the boys are with you, glad for you and glad for them. Every happiness that comes to you awakens myriad echoes in our hearts. And we want to send lots of love to "Aunt Emma" and the boys. If they live to a green old age I suppose they will always be "Aunt Emma and the boys" to us, we have heard so much about them in that name. With a great deal of love to every one of you from our four –

Yours

C. F. Gates

I forgot to say that we have permission to build from street to street below your house and three stories high, so we can dispense with the house on the wall.

on the Wall, as it was not burned. Then they proposed to measure the buildings. The Kaimakam and I went back to my study, while the Rais and Mustapha Effendi, Secretary of the Department of Public Instruction, the vosta of the Municipality, Tenekian and Haiajan did the measuring. They measured several, then they also came to my study and took the rest of the measurements from our papers. They made no objections to the modifications of the plan of the original buildings which we had inserted, and they wrote the report, signed it and there is now in my possession the paper giving permission for ~~all the~~ five out of the six buildings. Tenekejan wrote it himself. The Kaimakam was most affable and agreed to anything we might desire. The Vali called him last Tuesday and instructed him not to make us any more trouble lest we should write and make them all ashamed. The Vali has done the square thing by us all the way through and I feel very grateful to him and shall go and tell him so soon.

But you know that my firm assurance is that it is God who has guided

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Rev.J.L.Barton,D.D. Harpoot,Aug. 21,1900.
Boston,Mass.U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Barton:

Do you know anything in regard to the money of Manoog Mardigian,of Palu. He has died suddenly and his friends say that he had money in America upon which he drew regularly through Dr.Barnum. I can find no papers here in regard to it,so I write to see if you know of such money.He may have money in a bank and his bank book may be in some one's keeping there.

We are building our schools. The final examination was made on Saturday ,and the paper was handed over to me giving permission to build five out of the six buildings for which we had asked permission. The sixth one was refused because the building now occupying that site was not burned.This is the house-on-the-Wall ,you remember. This does not trouble me because the permission allows about all that we need. I have permission to build three stories,where I only expected to build one ,on the site of the old Theological Seminary . The Kaimakam came down completely and gave us all the aid we could wish. The Vali had called him to Mezreh and instructed him to give permission for all but that single building and not to make us any more trouble lest we should write and put them all to shame . The Vali has certainly done the square thing by us all the way through,and I am very grateful to him. But to me this whole affair furnishes the strongest proofs that the Lord's hand has guided all things,and I am very grateful. The joy over seeing the work go on is enhanced by the conciousness that this favor is bestowed by the Lord,and that He kept us because we trusted in Him.

Now there remains the question of funds.We have not enough in hand to build with. Mrs Gates and I have taken the question under prayerful consideration,whether we ought not to advance funds for building from what the Lord has given us. Our desire has been not to be a charge to the Board for the education of our children,or for our own expenses while at home,but here is an exigency that must be met,and that at once. I think that I shall write by this mail to my agent in Chicago to send on enough money to ensure the continuance of the work this year,but it will still be necessary to raise money enough to enable us to begin in the Spring and carry the buildings on to completion . For this we must look to you and Mr.Davis to devise some means .I cannot come home to collect money.The indemnity seems to be indefinitely postponed .The need is urgent. We are trusting the Lord for this also,and shall use every

means in our power to help on the work .

Mr.Huntington, his sister, Misses Hall and Daniels have returned from camping out at the Lake greatly refreshed by their outing and in good courage for the fall work. We are terribly reduced for teachers in the girls' department

Sincerely yours

C. J. Gates.

Aug. 23 -

I have written my agent to send me $5000 - We need $25000.

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Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D. Harpoot, Aug. 30th. 1900.

Boston, Mass.

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Dear Dr. Barton:-

Yours of Aug. 2nd. just received . I have received two checks from Mr. Heizer, stating that they were to be used in accordance with your letter of July 31st. That letter has not come to hand. In this letter you say "I have already sent to Constantinople for Hagop Magarian the £60. T called for in your note of July 2d. Janjigian's check enclosed."

I am not quite sure whether this means that Janjigian's check was enclosed in a previous letter, which has not come to my hand, or in this letter of Aug. 2d. But it has not come to my hand in either way. The letter which has gone astray may yet reach me, having gone by way of Alexandria or having been carried by to Diarbekir whence it will be returned, but please take note of the fact that the note on Janjigian for Hagop Magarian has not reached me.

I am glad that the photographs sent on were a pleasure to you, it repays for all the trouble in securing them.

Your tidings of the safety of the Pekin missionaries and the tidings of the entrance of the allied forces into Pekin lifted a great load from our hearts. I felt like going out and throwing up my hat and hurrahing, as I used to do when a boy .

Our Girls' College is growing day by day, and I hope that we shall roof it in this fall, if the Lord will. There is another item of interest. the brethren here have at last consented to allow us to to occupy the site of the old chapel if we will give them another site and secure the permission for them to build. I accepted the conditions and I think we can plan so as to get a fine site for the chapel. There is a problem connected with it which I ponder over much. We greatly need a college church here, which shall be under the control of the college and minister to the spiritual growth of the students The question is, Can such a church be maintained side by side with the church of the Protestant community; or should the Protestant Church be merged in it; or it in the Protestant Church? There are difficulties in any case, and I do not know what is the best course to pursue. If you have any wisdom let me have it.

In regard to the physician, I think we should gather all the station and talk over that matter. If I were to venture a prediction of what the result of our deliberations will be, it would be this, that we shall express our feeling that it is very desirable that we should have a resident physician here. The epidemic of scarlet fever through which we are now passing emphasizes the need. And we should have a hospital, or at least sick rooms where orphans or students who are sick may be treated . At the same time, I think the Station

will say that the appointment of such a phsician should not militate against t the appointment of another male missionary for this station, which is imperatively needed.

Consul Jewett writes me that the Temps says that the French indemnity claim "a été reglée" with the Porte and that in view of the £50,000 to be paid by the Turkish government, the French Embassador will advance %35 of the various amounts demanded by the sufferers from the damagas done during the events. He adds "If France has succeeded in settling the affair satisfactorily I suppose the U.S. has done or will do the same."

You have doubtless heard directly from Sivas that Miss Ellsworth has become engaged to H.B.M. Vice Consul Capt. Anderson of that place.

Prof. Norton is evidently intending to set up his Consulate in fine style. He is planning for one dragoman, three cavasses, two clerks. The question which perplexes me is What will he find for them all to do? One thing I think we should insist upon, that all these remittances and questions pertaining to emigrating Armenians should be handed over to the Consulate, at least, in cases where the Armenians have become naturalized citizens.

I am glad to report that my health is somewhat better. I have had two abscesses which seem to have relieved my system somewhat, and I am sleeping better. I have not had a day off yet and do not expect to get any. Our little boy was sick last week. We feared scarlet fever, but it passed off with nothing but fever and sore throat.

We hear nothing but good of Miss Platt from all sources. The Lord helping me, I mean to do all in my power to ensure her success and to see that she has every opportunity to do her work in the best way.

Sincerely yours

C. H. Gates.

Confidential.

Mr. Knapp is a good man, and he means well, but he don't look before he leaps. He is all the while having new ideas which he hurries into execution without sufficient deliberation. He is quick to conceive a new idea and slow to consult his associates. He is more apt to consult Armenians than missionaries —

Harpoot, Garden. Sept. 4. 1900.

Dear Bannuis:-

Since the close of our "davá" and the beginning our building I have not written much, and I am not had very much to write. My one pet-animal as been taken away and I have nothing left to talk about. In order to mitigate the miseries of such a position Mardiros Shushanian has taken upon him to give me trouble first in regard to making windows opening upon our premises and secondly in regard to building upon our wall. Then Marian Tomoujian (Giulbekian) wrote to me that her husband is again threatening her life and that of her children, and I have had to go to Mezreh about that two days. And of course, I have to watch the building constantly to see that doors and windows and chimneys are put in their proper place.

Last week we had ten orphan boys at work hewing stone, mortar, water etc. When Saturday night came they came for their money. I told them that I would keep account of their days and pay all at once. They said if I did not give them money they would not come on Monday. Monday morning only one of them appeared, so I went to the Orphanage and gave word that any one of those boys who did

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not appear within an hour would be turned out of the Orphanage. They all came.
There has been a bad spirit among the older boys of late. Mr. Knapp attributes it to Ezekiel, but it seems to me that the management is weak in the spinal column. The hairy hair seemed to feel that they were running the whole establishment and, as usual with Armenians, one of the first things they do is to disagree with one another. It makes me feel very sad because of the influence on the orphans. I cannot help feeling that there ought to be some direct contact of missionaries with these orphans. These hairies, at their best, are not much, if any, above the level of the people. Some of them are very on a level. They cannot give these orphans the spiritual teaching and uplift they need. I have been very much disappointed in Azadian and I never had much faith in some of the others. Now, how can we manage to gain for these children direct personal contact with brave spiritual men and women who are deeply versed in the Scriptures? To my mind this is the great problem of the orphan work. If I could settle it in the way I think that I should place an American or English

missionary gentleman or lady in every orphanage, but there does not seem any possibility of that. But I can assure you the work needs you back here, and there is a warm welcome awaiting you all.

Today I gave a subscription of £50 to the government building. One of the members of the commission asked Tenekjian if this was all we were going to pay. He replied "You are beginning again to speak about that matter". At that point Mal Mudir intervened and said: "We ought not speak of that matter. These people always seek the good of the city". I think that the matter is well closed. We won the battle, by God's power, and there we showed that we are willing to help in a matter pertaining to the public good by giving of our own free will. I feel sure that the Lord has guided. The building is going up rapidly. If I only had in hand all the money we need I should be quite content, but I am trusting the Lord for that. I wish my faith were stronger as regards the money. Why do I find it harder to trust for money than for other things?

I think it worth to you that the community are now willing to relinquish the site of the

old chapel if we will give them a new site and get the permission to build for them. I have asked Hohannes Harpootian to get an option for 30 days on the three lots just opposite the Commun House, lying between the house where Bro Foo lives and the Kurkjian house. When he has made the bargain I shall see the Kaimakam a getting permission for that site. If a favorable report is given I will purchase the site.

H.B.M. Vice Consul has resumed his habits of last year. About the middle of the forenoon a figure clothed in white appears before me, and I confe that this apparition makes me nervous. I becom exasperated almost beyond endurance, and irritable that anyone coming near me so after any release is sure to suffer. Is it no possible for that man to understand what it means to me? If I sit entirely irresponsive to his sallies and twice told tales my conscience reproves me for rudeness. If I venture a remark it means a loss of at least fifteen minutes more. I fear I shall commit murder or suicide, I have not decided which.

I suppose I ought not to be so irritable, but what can I do? I have told him so often that I could no give time to him, that he always begins by sayi

now I am not going to take your precious time. Is there anything to report this morning? any news of any kind?" He gave me four pounds after I sent him the last quarterly report for the budget, which sum I applied to the education of orphans. and he has just given me a copy of the Septuagint in two volumes, so I am most ungrateful to be bored by him, but it is the loss of time needed for work which tries me.

I am so glad Emma had that trip to Chamounix and her description of it was so vivid that we all enjoyed it too, besides our pleasure in having you enjoy it.

Muggeridge has been sick for over a month. He is improving now, but I am afraid we shall have to part with him. I want very much to get some other work for him, for I think a great deal of him, and we are sorry to lose him. Do not refer to this in any general letters.

There are many inquiries for you and all ask when you are coming back.

With very much love to every one of you

Yours

C. T. Gates.

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Dear Dr.Barton Harpoot,Sept. 5,1900.

Yours of Aug. 2,received. I write to say that work is going forward rapidly on the Girls' College,and I hope to roof it in this fall. The only pinch is for money. We need money now in addition to the $5000 which I have furnished.If we have the money work can go on continuously through the winter and the building can be finished off by spring and we shall be free to begin work on the other buildings when spring opens. As I have written I want to finish up the work of building next year. I hope ,too, that these buildings will be a means of reassuring the teachers now in America and calling them back again. The Gregorian school in this quarter has run down to such a point that they are debating the advisability of not opening it this year. If I wish to I can get all the scholars from that school but I have no place to put them. I have been considering the plan of hiring the rooms which they now use and opening a branch school in their school house. I thing that their community would be glad to have me do this. Then the education of the children of this quarter would be entirely in our hands. But we need teachers who will put their lives into the Lord's hands to use them as He wishes.

What has become of that Hoghi man,Michael Minasian,of whom you wrote in your letter of May 17th. Prof.Norton also wrote very pleasantly of him. Have you looked him up? We need good men of earnest Christian character.

Prof.Norton wrote me that he expected to start for Harpoot,about the first of sept.,but I strongly dissuaded him from coming on without his exequatur,and he now writes that it is felt both at the consulate-general and at the legation that I have outlined the right plan for him,and he is going to address himself first to the work of getting his exequatur.

The opening of our schools is delayed by an epidemic of scarlet fever .The delay will probably be for one or two weeks.

Sincerely yours

C.F. Gates

Sept. 6th.

Yours of Aug. 8th. received. I note that Mr. Davis feels cautious about buying material until work is reopened, but work is reopened and here we cannot find material when we want it. Work is often delayed on that account. We must have money now. If ocular demonstration is needed I will send a photo. We are working on the 3d story

C.F.G.

Harpoot, Sept. 5, 1900.

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What has become of that Rouhi Effendi Minasian, of whom you wrote in your letter of May 17th. Prof. Merton also wrote very pleasantly of him. Have you looked him up? We need good men of earnest Christian character.

Prof. Merton wrote me that he expected to start for Harpoot, about the first of Sept., but Pastorally disuaded him from coming on without his vacation, and he now writes that it is fair both at the consulate-general and at the Legation that I have outlined the right plan for him, and he is going to address himself first to the work of getting his exequatur.

The opening of our schools is delayed by an epidemic of scarlet fever. The delay will probably be for one or two weeks.

Sincerely yours

C. H. Tyler

Sept. 5, 1900.

Dear Mr. Barton, I have received your letter of Aug. 2 and I am very glad to know that you are doing what you can for our Harpoot boys. We need men of earnest Christian character. Prof. Merton wrote me that he expected to start for Harpoot about the first of Sept., but pastorally dissuaded him from coming on without his vacation, and he now writes that it is fair both at the consulate-general and at the Legation that I have outlined the right plan for him, and he is going to address himself first to the work of getting his exequatur.

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Sincerely yours

C. H. Tyler

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Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D. Harpoot, Turkey, Sept. 11, 1900.
Boston, Mass. U. S. A.

Dr. Barton:

Hagop Effendi Janigian wants to bring his son Benjamin back here, but he does not know yet how to manage the business of transmitting money. Two ways are suggested; one is an arrangement with the American Express Co. by which Hagop Eff. shall serve as their agent here. Another way which he suggests is an arrangement with Herbert Allen, or some person whom you would designate, by which he should receive the money and transmit to Hagop Effendi by a system of bills of exchange just as now, and Hagop Eff. will continue to pay here. He offers, if such an arrangement can be made to give all the profits to the Orphan Fund, and says the profits are about £100 per annum, so that the Orphan Fund would gain about £50 - $220. I do not know whether such an arrangement can be easily made. If it can, the Orphan Fund would be glad of the money.

The Girls' College grows apace, day by day. You were very good to hope that I might get off for a rest this summer, but there is not the slightest prospect of it. I wait and watch for the third

The opening of our schools is delayed two weeks by the epidemic of scarlet fever, which gives us more time for getting the school buildings ready. Mr. Browne is writing to you in regard to the appointment of a physician. In a nutshell, the thought of the station is this, that a married male physician is to be preferred, all things being equal; but, if this would prejudice our claim to the appointment of another missionary family or the claims of other stations, then we should desire an unmarried lady physician. If such a lady should come she should have charge of a small hospital where sick orphans and students could be treated and she should train Armenian women to nurse the sick. Such nurses might do a great work in the community. Think what a blessing it would be if such a nurse could be sent to take care of critical cases. People often die for lack of nursing. Of course, the care of the health of the missionary circle would fall to this lady physician, and she should be thoroughly trained and skillful. I can hardly emphasize too strongly the need of medical care. To-day an orphan boy died of scarlet fever. I do not think our physicians know how to treat scarlet

fever. They content themselves with treating the complications of the disease. If they are throat troubles then they use applications. I asked a physician how many children had died of scarlet fever, and he said 500 - in Mezreh, the city and the villages, undoubtedly many might

I hope we shall have good news in regard to the money for our buildings. If the money does not fail us we can push the work almost continuously on to its completion, for all winter long men can work finishing off the Girls College and dressing the timber and making the windows and doors for the remaining buildings. The Moslems of the city are filled with wonder at the progress of our building, and they compare it with their own government building to the disparagement of the latter. We have built very rapidly because every thing was ready. If we had been obliged to wait until we could find materials it would have been quite different.

Mrs. Gates joins me in sending love to Mrs. Barton. We are glad to hear of her improved health. Mrs. G. is not well. Her nervous system is not strong, and it sometimes seems as if she would give out completely.

Sincerely yours

C. A. Gates.

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HARPOOT, TURKEY

Dear Dr. Barton:- Sept. 10. 1900.

Hagop Moghanian, of Hoorloo, wishes the balance of his money sent to him. If the time for payment of interest is near he says let the money remain until the interest is due and then draw and send it. I received checks from Mr. Heizer for £T. 60. $\frac{50}{100}$ which I suppose is for him but no draft came on Janjigian for him.

Yours

C. F. Gates.

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HARPOOT, TURKEY

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Dear Dr. Barton:

The post is just in and brings me your letter and Mr. Davis' both of Aug. 27th. I am touched with the kindness and sympathy expressed in both letters and the appropriation of $2600- more. I did not expect that the Trustees could do anything more than they had already done.

In regard to my own funds I have given my life to this work and that includes all I have if the Master wants it. The only question is what He would have me to do. I work to my agent to send $5000- to Mr. Davis, and now I feel a burden lifted for

the present. The work must go on. The Armenians of this quarter have decided not to open their schools this year and their students will be tous. The education of the children of this region is in our hands. If only the Armenians in America could realize their opportunity! We are short of teachers and funds but we draw on on our bill of credit = "my God shall supply every need of yours" —

Sincerely yours

C. A. Sakes.

Harpoot, Garden, Sept. 21, 1900.

Dear Dr. Barton:

I have written you a good many letters of late which have taxed you, I want to write a word of encouragement. Avedis Zamgochian, of Manchester has promised to give £.T.200 to the College, and now he writes that he will also make a collection for the college and he thinks he can raise not less than £1000. It seems to me that with this as a lever we ought to be able to induce the Armenians in America to do something for the College. You know there is a provision in the By Laws for the representation of the Armenians on the Board of Trustees whenever they shall give £1000. Now I want to put myself on record as heartily in favor of having Armenian members in the Local Board of Trustees. I have not a copy of the By Laws with me, and I do not remember what the plan was in them, but I think that it would be a real help to us to have such a representation. It would bring us into touch with the people and

help us to look at matters from their standpoint. I should like to have this thing started with a good send off. If the Armenians in America would take hold and raise a thousand liras there, then we could organize a board of Trustees with American and Armenian members, and it would be a step forward.

You know better than I the best way to get this matter before them, but if you could call together some of the best men and they could write to good men in different places as New York, Worcester, Providence, Chicago, California, Philadelphia etc it seems to me that something could be done. Here are certain leading facts which point to a new era:

1. Permission has been given to rebuild.
2. Our buildings are going up.
3. One of the alumni offers to raise a fund of £.T. 1000.
4. I want to publish a catalogue of the College, and I want to put in

it a board of trustees composed of Americans and Armenians.

5. The Alumni in America have been casting about them for some way in which to help the College.

It seems to me that the money raised in this way should go into the endowment fund. It would help the effort to raise money for buildings if we could say that the Armenians themselves have contributed so much to the College.

If this should not carry perhaps some men like Bogigian would be willing to take part of a building to be called by their name —

Somehow I have strong faith that we shall win out into the light. We have had a long hard pull, but God is with us. My greatest anxiety is to keep near to Him, then I shall not go astray.

Yours

C. A. Gates.

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City. Sept. 22d

I have just been looking over the Constitution and By Laws and I find them quite unsatisfactory. In Articles IV, V, VI three different methods of appointing teachers are specified without any provision for harmonizing them. Art. VI seems to me bad. It would be a grievous mistake to transfer the appointment of teachers from the Trustees to the Churches. The churches do not know the work or the men so well as the Trustees know them. It seems to me that a much better method would be to provide for a Local Board of Managers composed of three missionaries and two Armenians who shall manage affairs subject to the Trustees. When Dr. Barnum comes we will take this matter up and discuss it with a view to suggesting amendments

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Rev.J.L.Barton,D.D. Harpoot,Oct. 12th.1900.
Boston,U.S.A.
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Dear Dr. Barton:-

Your letter of the 8th. of Sept. reached me last evening, and my wife and I read it with great gratitude and joy. Your unfailing sympathy and helpfulness did us as much good as the prospect of help.

In regard to Miss Daniels, the matter seems to have quieted down, and I hear nothing more about it now, whether it will revive again or not I cannot tell, but it seems likely that the building of the college and the enlargement ofthe work will enlist her interest and make her contented as time goes on. The number of pupils in the girls' department paying all their expenses is unprecedentedly large, and in the boys' departments I am turning away students every day. If we had the room for them we should have all the children of the city in our hands for education. The influence of the new buildings in calling attention to our work is alreadyyvery manifest here. I expect it to act also upon the Armenians in America in drawing them back to this work.

What you write in regard to Levon A.Schorigian fills my heart with joy. My daily prayer has been for men whom God can lead and use as teachers in the school. Much as we need the money, I place the need of such teachers above the need of money. For I feel that if we fail to make this college a training school for Christian workers we have no reason to be. In regard to the terms you offer, I have some doubt. Of course if he comes this fall and you make such terms with him we will stand by them, but £5 is above the scale of prices that we are working on. Prof. Tenekejian and Prof.Nahigian get that now after twenty years of service, and it will tend to make other teachers discontented with their salaray if a young man just out from the Seminary gets more than they. I should say here, that it is quite probable that we may have to raise the salary of the professors. Prof.Tenekejian has been offered a salary of £10 per month to serve in another place, but he refused at once because of his loyalty to the college. The difficulty about raising the salaries is that if we raise the salaries of the teachers then preachers become discontented, and if we raise the salaries of preachers then we retard the day of self-support. Leaving these considerations outside, my own conviction is that the grade of salaries is too low in our field, that it is becoming more and more a source of discontent to teachers and preachers, and I am not sure but that we should gain in the end by raising it, for we should get better men into the work. Still I recognize that the power for the work is that of the Holy Spirit, and that it cannot be bought with money.

The post which brought me your letter brought also a letter from a

young Armenian now in America, who received £9T aid on three notes while he was in school. He now sends £Stg.10 to pay up his debt and atone for his deficiencies. This is very encouraging. Also a lady sends the balance of her remittance for my salary, which will release that for use this year. Also Mr. Favre, with whom the Barnums have staid some time in Switzerland, has given 1000 francs for the building and orphans, half and half. I have also received £15 from England. It seems as if the Lord were answering prayer daily, and I feel like saying with the psalmist:

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good
For His mercy endureth forever.

Now in regard to the building, we are putting the roof on. This is the eighth week that we have been at work, and the building is five storeys high on one side and three on the other. I do not believe that any building ever went up with such rapidity in Harpoot before. The reason for it is that we had all things in readiness beforehand. I have already begun on a second building, and I expect to roof it in soon, and I shall get a third under way if possible. To get a building begun is a great thing, and goes far to ensure its completion. We have had beautiful weather, but the clouds are now gathering and thunder is growling all around the horizon.

The fate of the Shansi missionaries strikes a chill of horror into our hearts. It gives us the feeling that a like fate might befall us in this land, but He whose word never has failed has said:

The righteous shall be had in everlasting rememberance.
He shall not be afraid of evil tidings:
His heart is fixed trusting in the Lord.
His heart is established, he shall not be afraid.

My brother writes that there is a great tendency to lay blame upon the missionaries for the state of things in China, have Christians forgotten that the Master forewarned us that just such hatred should be our portion.

Because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the WORLD HATETH YOU. There are two words which never can be erased: GOD IS LOVE. THE WORLD IS HATE.

Our family and the Knapps are still at the garden, but we shall probably come in next week.

Please give our love to Mrs Barton

Sincerely yours

C. A. Gates.

Rev. C. Frank Gates D.D.
Harpoot Garden
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Dear Dr. Barton:

Some weeks ago I wrote to you about making arrangements for the transmittal of monies of Armenians to Ganjigian Ef. Hagop through some person of our choosing, in which case one-half of the profits were to be ours. It seems to me that there is a little more to be said on the subject. If anything of the kind is done our responsibility in the matter ought to be clearly defined. It should end when we have transmitted the money to the payee here. All the men engaged in this business are in the habit of retaining remittances in their hands and paying in instalments, so that they have the use of the money for some months, and they invest such sums in other business. Now suppose they are unfortunate in their speculations or investments and unable to meet their obliga-

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money through us would
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legally held responsible for th
risks. Janigian is now involv
in a lawsuit, which if he loses
would cost him some £500.
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bankrupt him or impair his
credit; but we ought to take
all things into account.
Business in this country is con
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rity. I have had much experience
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to Janigian because they think
hurts their business, and the
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trouble for us if possible in
connection with such Busine
Let us look before we leap!

this work I am putting the Bessemer Steel Roofing on to our Girls' College. When once that is accomplished we can go on with the inside work in spite of the weather. God has been very good to us in the whole matter, and my heart overflows with gratitude to Him whenever I think of it. We hope the Barnums are on their way to us. We have lingered long at the Garden this year but we shall move into the city this week.

Sincerely yours

C. T. Bates.

Oct. 17th.

Since writing the above, matters have taken a more decided cast. The Harpoot lians allege that Ganjigian is asserting that he has formed a partnership with the Board to remit money to him. They charge that he is scheming to use the name of the Board and its prestige to obtain the confidence

of those who intend to remit, and that in this way he hurts their business; and they say openly that they will do all in their power to make trouble if ~~the~~ any arrangement is made by which the credit of the Board is used in favor of Janijigian. I have never engaged in business transactions here, such as Relief measures necessitated, without regretting it, and I am inclined to think that we shall regret it if we do so now. It will perhaps be better to let these men make their own arrangements, and we keep clear of it —

Already the relations between the Harpootians and Janijigian are a cause of trouble in the Mezreh church. The Board is not a money-making society, and we had better stick to first principles —

Yours

C. T. Gates.

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Euphrates College.
Harpoot. Nov.1,1900.

Dear Dr.Barton:

Yours of the 1st.of Oct. came by last post,and I am replying to it on the first day of the next month which is not bad for Turkey.

We were expecting the Barnums today,but a telegram came from Deliktash,the first postal station this side of Sivas ,saying that they left Sivas on Monday of this week,Oct.29th,instead of the preceding . We do not know the reason for the delay,but it will bring them here five or six days later than their program.

I am enclosing to you a letter from an Armenian who wishes his money sent to him. I wrote to you previously about Hagop Mogharian,who wishes his money. I wonder if when the consul comes this money business can not be transferred to him.

Our Girls' College is now so far along that the rains cannot hurt it ,and in a few days more we shall have everything snug and tight ready to carry on the inside work. It is a big building .I am inclined to think that,on the whole ,the refusal of permission for the sixth building will be a help to us,for I now think of pulling down the old building on that site and making a yard of it for the school girls. You remember they had only a very small place before . The roof was no sooner on the building than a violent storm of rain came. How the Lord has prospered us all the way through. I am hoping that nothing will prevent our completing the buildings next year. I have built a second building next to the stable,and it can be gotten ready for a theological class next year if necessary . That reminds me that we shall need a tutor next year. I hope you will be on the lookout for one during the year. Mr.Huntington has given himself to this work with the greatest devotion, he now lives with the students and takes two meals a day with them,and his influence over them is great for good;but he ought to go home next year to resume his studies and we shall need some one in his place. If the consul reaches Harpoot this winter I shall talk with him about endeavoring to remove the lower school building from the present site to one farther down the street which we have bought. This would make a great change ,and be a great help.

Yours

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Dear Dr.Barton: Harpoot,Turkey.Nov. 8th. 1900.

Dr.Barnum ,Mrs.Barnum and Miss Platt came Tuesday,the 6th. and you can imagine how glad we are to see them and what a welcome the people have given them. Miss Platt impresses us very well.She seems like one able to hold her own and take care of her work,and we need those qualities.

I have just received a confidential letter from Dr.Washburn giving me an invitation to come to Robert College and take charge of their preparatory department with a view to becoming president when he shall resign. The letter is confidential,so I should not speak of it were it not that he says you and he have talked it over already . It has always been my rule to submit such questions entirely to the will of God. And I shall only make it my aim to find out what His will is for me.

Dr.Washburn speaks of the health of my family as one reason for leaving Harpoot,but I do not know that my family would be better off in Constantinople than here.

When I was in Constantinople I was burdened with a great desire that Robert College might become more of a Christian force ,and I do not think that any other consideration would move me to go there . I do not mean this as a reflection upon the present management of the college, I realize very keenly the difficulties of the work there,and I do not feel equal to grappling with them . Nothing but a very clear and definite call of God would justify me in taking up such a work. Another element enters into the case. The work here seems to need me now .These buildings are to go up ,and there is no else on the ground who could take up that work . If God calls me to leave He will call some one else to take up this work .

This is about the way the matter stands in my own mind . I have no wish to take a single step alone .Except the Lord lead me I shall surely fail whether here or there.

If you have any thoughts in regard to this I should be glad to have you write to me frankly. If you think,as I do,that I am not competent for that work please say so.It would have great weight with me.

Sincerely yours

C.F. Gates

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Rev.J.L.Barton,D.D. Harpoot,Turkey. Nov.22,1900.
Boston,Mass.

Dear Dr.Barton:

Your letter of Oct.10th.with enclosure of Mr.Strauss' letter of Oct.5th. I read the latter with great interest,it is somewhat colored,but in the main correct.I am certainly of the opinion that Mr.Strauss has done admirably ,and I earnestly hope that he will be returned to his post for two reasons:1.Because I think that he has done better in the position than any American minister with whom I have had any acquaintance ,2. Because I think that his return would be an endorsement of the policy which he has pursued that would have a salutary influence on the Turks. I should be glad to have Mr.Strauss know that we are grateful to him and appreciate him.

In regard to the remittance of funds for Armenians,I understand that Janjigian has succeeded in making an arrangement with the American Express Co.,and I am very glad of it. This seems to me by far the best arrangement that could be made. We have no responsibility for it now.

Our missionary circle are meeting together for a circle of prayer every day at noon,and there have been two very marked answers to prayer this week in connection with these gatherings .

I very much hope that everything possible will be done to secure the payment of the indemnity soon.It is of the greatest importance to our work that we be able to push on to the completion of the buildings. I do not want the sound of building to cease from the hearing of the Turks until the whole is completed. By the way,the Silk factory is still offered for sale. Prof.Tenekejian thinks that we could get it for about £800 . If we can get that I think that we shall be able to dispense with the projected building for the boys' schools and build only the girls' schools. That is,we should put the dormitories and the lower schools into the silk-factory .It seems to me that this will be a profitable investment,and we shall thus widen our bounds. I have been waiting for the owner to push me and not I him,but he is now pushing,so I will consider it.

Yours

C.F.Gates.

Rev. C. H. Yates, D.D

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The Barnums will not be here until next Tuesday, Nov. 6th.

Emma has remained in Marsovan to be treated for catarrh. The treatment will require several weeks.

This is a great disappointment to us and a greater one to her.

Yours

C. H. Y.

Rev. C. Frank Gates, D.D.

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EUPHRATES COLLEGE

HARPOOT, TURKEY

Dear Dr. Barton:- Nov. 29 1900.

Hagop Mogarian wishes you to send all the money left in the bank to his account.

In haste

C. F. Gates.

Sent Nov. 17- 1900

J. L. B.

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Dear Dr.Barton, Harpoot,Dec. 12,1900.

Through Mr.Knapp's kindness I have the pleasure of enclosing to you a photograph of the new school building. I do not need to mark it.You cannot mistake it,but I should like to call your attention to the place where we wish to build on the foundations of the old konak. This lies in the foreground ,it is roofed over because I have used it to store timber . We shall take down the wall to the bottom of the little windows which you see ,then,we shall enlarge the windows and put in more of them . You will notice that in the girls' school building I have raised the roof so as to get in windows in the attic,and it gives us much room there. This picture also shows the two houses next to the old konak which I should like to buy. For one of them nearest to the gate I offered £100, but the owner held it at £120,so I dropped the matter. The next one is worth about £75. They want £200 for it ,but of course they will never get that. If we wait for the proper time these buildings will come to us. Now,if you remember that this girls' school building was roofed in in ten weeks from the commencement of work,you will get some idea of what we have been about . Work is still going on,and we shall have it ready for occupancy by Easter time. The cupola is smaller than it ought to have been. I was a little timid about stirring up the Turks. If you choose to put this picture in print it may have a good effect on the graduates in America to see that we really are doing something.

I am interested to know whether you have succeeded in making any arrangement with the young man of whom you wrote to us. My mind is set on separating the college department from the secondary schools next year. We will have Euphrates College and Euphrates Academy ,and it will be better for both.

Perhaps you have heard that our missionary circle has been meeting together for prayer fifteen minutes every day for three weeks. Next week the pastors,preachers and teachers of the vicinity are to come here to pray and consult over three matters: 1. Subjects for the Week of Prayer. 2.A Forward Movement. 3. Are we,as Christian Workers prepared for a Forward Movement,and if not,what should we do about it?

In the college,I am speakink to the students on the Teachings of the Bible. At present the Person of Christ is our theme. His Preexistence, His Incarnation,Earthly Life,Death,Resurrection ,Glorified Life. To me the themes are wonderful,and my heart swells with love and adoration when I contemplate the marvellous condescension and love of God. The scholars are listening with great interest. Our Question Box brings us new themes every

week ,which I treat briefly at morning prayers. I have the feeling that a spiritual work is going on in the hearts of the students ,and I have never known them to be so ready to undertake Christian work. The atmosphere of the school seems different from what it was a few years ago. You know what I mean.

I am sorry to say that Mrs Gates is not well. She is so nervous as to cause me much anxiety. I fear a complete breakdown unless she gets better than she now is,and I do not know how she is to get better.

Sincerely yours

C.F. Gates.

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Dear Dr.Barton: Harpoot, Dec.13th. 1900.

Yours of the 19th. of November is just received with enclosed check for the balance of Hagop Moghaian's account, which I will transmit to him. I quite agree with you in thinking that the arrangement with the American Express Co. is altogether the best that could be made, and I am very glad that Janjigian has the agency.

Mr.Allen has written me nothing about the arrangement which he proposes to make, but I regard it as extremely important that my name should not be used in connection with the matter in any way. I wish you would see to it that nothing is published bearing my name in the way of recommending people to send their money by this or any other agency. The results of such publication would be to involve me at once with the other money exchangers, which I wish to avoid. I am perfectly willing that Mr.Allen should have the profits for the Armenian paper. We will gladly resign any share in the profits, only we must insist that we shall not be involved in any way. That is what we are now trying to avoid. We want to get out of all the business thrown upon us at the time of the massacres and since. If I have not made it sufficiently plain I will say once more I do not wish my name used in connection with the business of transmitting money at all.

In regard to Tchorigian, Dr.Barnum, Mr.Knapp and I have consulted together, and it seems to us that we should raise the salaries of Prof.Tenekejian and Prof. Nahigian to six liras, then we could offer Tchorigian not to exceed £5 per month. If you think it best to give him anything for travelling expenses it should be in the way of a specified amount, say £15 or £20 liras. The reason for raising the salaries of Professors Tenekejian and Nahigian is 1. Prof T. has his brother's family to support, thirteen souls in all and he is heavily burdened. 2. He has received and refused an offer of £10 per month to engage in other service. 3. Prof.Nahigian has for two years taken the charge of the boarding Department accounts, and it is not thought wise to raise Prof.Tenekejian's salary without raising his also. Prof.Tenekejian also does a great deal of outside work for us. We have been waiting a long time for Mr.Browne to return in order that we might all consult together taking a view of the salaries in the whole field. But he is still detained in Diarbekir. Now to Tchorigian £5 will probably seem a small salary, but it is not small for Harpoot, and if he comes he should come with the idea of making such sacrifice as the work calls for, that is, he should come as a man consecrated to the Lord's work, not seeking his own honor or emolument. I understand from what you write that he is that sort of a man. I have also this idea. It seems to me

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that the best solution of the problems which confront us here would be to have a man who would be both pastor of the church and a teacher in the college. I cannot say this to Tchorigian now, because we have made no arrangement with the community, but would it not be possible to arrange with him so that if the way opened he could take the pulpit and teach two or three classes beside. the advantages of this arrangement would be: 1. It would tend to remove the antagonism between the church and college. 2. It would make the church pastor also the college pastor, 3. With the right man in the office, it should result in drawing many students into connection with the church, whereas now but few join, 4. The pastor could then utilize students in Christian work.

If Tchorigian is the right sort of a man for this work I think that it can be brought to pass. Another advantage is that it would solve the difficulties of a church building. Perhaps it would be enough if he were to understand that he might be called upon for both pastoral and pedagogical service. Then the rest might be worked out after he comes.

This idea commends itself to my colleagues here and they instructed me to write to you that you might make such arrangement as seems to you best for salary up to the limit of £5 per month, and if you think wise we would be willing to pay up to £20 on his travelling expenses. I should also say that if Tchorigian is the right man for it there would be an opportunity for him to help in the training of preachers. The opportunity for service is a fine one if he has the heart for service.

Sincerely yours

C. J. Hatze

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Rev.J.L.Barton,D.D. Harpoot,Turkey. Dec. 27,1900.
Boston,Mass.U.S.A.

My dear Dr.Barton:

Your two letters of Nov.19th. came by last post,and I have handed over the enclosed check to Hagop Mogharian,of Hooeloo. This arrangement with the American Express Co.seems to me in all respects the best one,and I hope that all the business now passing through our hands can be turned over to them. I understand that efforts have been made to destroy their confidence in Janjigian,but the arrangement is such that it is perfectly safe. Janjigian pays their checks,then he forwards them to London,and at the same time draws upon their London office for the amount which he has paid. The checks reach their office before his draft,and so they are able to keep the account perfectly .If he should draw for more than the vouchers in their hands they have only to disown his draft. The injury would be to him.

I have written to Mr.Allen that I am not willing to have my name used as it has been used in a card which is printed over his signature. He says in his letter that Benjamin Janjigian got out the card,but it is over the signature of Herbert Allen,therefore he is responsible for it, and it puts me down as one of those who will pay drafts. This I am not willing to do.and I have refused the drafts which have been presented to me. I am determined to withdraw entirely from this business,and it will be far better for Benjamin Janjigian to leave my name out than to have me withdraw it.

We greatly rejoice in Mrs Barton's improved health,and hope that she may continue to improve right along. How good it seemed to find a token from you dear friends on the Christmas tree. Such remembrances blot out distances and draw our hearts together. We thank you. Mrs Gates carried the Christmas celebration through very successfully and is not exhausted after it- a matter which gives me profound gratitude.

I learn that Charles Tracy is intending to study theology next fall, so he will not be able to come here as tutor ,~~so~~ and we shall have to look about for some one else. I learn that George Huntington is expecting to come on here next summer to visit his brother and sister and I am wondering if he could stay. I will write Dr.Washburn . But if you know of any good man who would be willing to come do not hesitate to tackle him.

Dr.Norton is now here and has taken a house in Mezreh.He is our guest for the present,but will probably move down next week. He has no exequatur, so his relations will depend on the courtesy of the officials. Our Vali is very friendly and disposed

a very nice man and I am sure he will not be lacking in anything which he can do to promote friendly relations.

We had three days of meetings with the preachers last week, and I think these meetings were of great benefit. We came closer to one another. There are to be meetings in the Village of Perchenj during our vacation. this year our vacation will be only one week long.

Sincerely yours

C. J. Gatz

I send my letter to Mr. Allen enclosed
Please read and deliver to him -

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Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.,
Boston Mass. U.S.A.

Harpoot, Jan. 2. 1901

My Dear Dr. Barton:-

Your card Dec. 4th. came by last post. In regard to the call to Robert College I would not have you think that I am in any haste regarding it. Dr. Washburn spoke of my coming there next year to take charge of their Preparatory Dept. and work in, meanwhile, getting rested because the work would be light. I work to him that I did not see how I could leave Harpoot now, and I said that I did not consider the question open unless the Lord made it plain to me that I should go. That is, I am here in Harpoot by the call of God. No labor can require more. If my associates wished me to leave, if for any reason I could not work here to advantage, then it might appear that God was longer called me to remain. But if I am needed here and able to work here, it is not for me to seek to entry other work. And until it is made plain to me that duty demands my going to another post, I leave no sight

to leave this one. Therefore I do not look upon the matter as an open question. I have not had any such calls as would make it plain to me that I should leave Harpoot. If God wishes me to leave Harpoot now or in the future He will make it plain to me, until then I dismiss the matter from my thoughts, leaving it to my Master to choose my work. This does not require any answer.

Dr. Norton moved into the consulate yesterday evening. Before that he was our guest for nine days. He wished to open the consulate on the first day of the first year of the twentieth century. Armenians are making a set on him in hope of getting some "protection" but he wisely refuses to consider any such cases until he gets his exequatur. Moshe Valid has received him very courteously, but of course does not recognize him officially until he gets his exequatur. I hope it may not long be delayed, for it would be a severe trial of patience to bide to occupy this position long.

Other letters by the last post seemed to indicate that the indemnity was likely to be paid at once, perhaps it has been settled by this time, but not quite yet

say it is settled until we see the money.

We received over 200 calls on New Year's Day. The people poured in so continuously that Dr. Norton called it a "procession".

Meetings preparatory to the Week of Prayer are to be held this week and well attended.

Sincerely yours
C. F. Gates.

Rev. C. Frank Gates, D.D.
EUPHRATES COLLEGE
HARPOOT, TURKEY

Rev. C. F. Gates
Harpoot, Turkey
Jan. 8, 1900

Dear Dwight
Some reason or lack of reason I am very tired just now, but I soon to recover love
Yours
C. F. Gates

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EUPHRATES COLLEGE

HARPOOT, TURKEY

Jan. 8 1901

Dear Dr. Barton:

I am sending through Mr. Peck £40. to you on a/c Ardis G. Ajemian for the purchase of agricultural implements. He says if the implements should exceed this sum he will pay the balance here.

I am sending my report of receipts and expenses to Mr. Davis by this post. For some reason or lack of reason I am very tired just now, but I hope soon to recover tone.

Yours

C. F. Gates

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EUPHRATES COLLEGE.

Dear Dr.Barton, Harpoot,Turkey. Jan.14,1901.

Dr.Washburn writing under date Dec.26th. says:The papers were signed yesterday settling the indemnity and in the course of time the money will be paid no doubt. Other things will probably be easily settled."

This is good news,but it leaves one point in doubt which I should very much like to know,namely,when will the money be paid? I want to begin building in March,because I have four buildings to erect. By the time this letter reaches you February will be half gone. Is there any way in which payment can be hurried or anticipated? It means a great deal to me. I am afraid that I cannot much longer defer my vacation. I am very tired and have suffered a good deal from sleeplessness which I do not enjoy. It pulls me down . I will hold on as long as I can,but it does seem as if the buildings ought to be gotten out of the way this year,so that I may have a little rest.

We have in hand some four hundred liras,and I shall use them ,but it will not go far towards the purchase of materials and payment for work. And in order to finish all the work laid out for us this year we shall need to begin early and work steadily and hard.

Benneian's father now expresses himself as in favor of his return here,I do not know whether it will weigh with him or not. But we cannot run after him. If he sees it his duty to come,I suppose he will let us know.

Have you any idea what the objection of Tchorigian's friends to Harpoot was, danger? or something else? If he is the right man we are sorry to lose him.

Yours
C. A. Gates

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Dear Dr.Barton: Harpoot, Jan. 28, 1901.

Your letter of the 21st. of December came by the Southern post, by way of Alexandretta. The letter of Secretary Hay reached me later enclosed in a letter to Miss Daniels.

I note what you say in regard to Bogigian's proposed gift. I fear that he is a man who is always going to do something good but has not yet gotten to the point of accomplishment.

I hope that you will prosecute inquiries in regard to the Mr. Porter of whom President Eaton speaks. We shall need some one to come out this year without fail. And in that same connection I should like to say a word more about securing another missionary family for Harpoot. Dr. Barnum is not so young as he once was, neither am I. It is very important that some one should be on the ground preparing to take up the work; and if I am to take a vacation there ought to be some one here to help in the work while I am gone.

We are looking anxiously for some news of the payment of the indemnity. I have written to Constantinople to find out what are the prospects for speedy payment, as we want to begin work in March.

To day is the Day of Prayer for Colleges, and we are holding meetings all day.

sincerely yours

C. T. Ussher.

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Sent to Mr. Barton

Rev.J.L.Barton, Harpoot, Feb.1,1901.

Sec.Board of Trustees of

Euphrates College.

My dear Dr.Barton,

I take great pleasure in transmitting to you the enclosed copy of a letter just received from Mr.A.M.Jamgochian,a graduate of the class of 1881,and a successful merchant in Manchester.

In transmitting this letter it gives me additional pleasure to say that I heartily agree with the suggestions which he has made in it. I had previously written to you that I felt that the Constitution required amendment on this point . At present its previsions would result in a body of teachers a part of whom would be appointed by the Americans and a part by the Armenians ,which might easily result in a lack of harmony between them. It seems to me that the only way is to provide for the election of Armenians upon the local board of trustees ,when all matters pertaining to the local management of the college would come before this board . Some of the Armenians elected should be business men ,chosen from the lay constituency.

As soon as Mr.Browne returns from his tour to Diarbekir we shall hold a meeting of the Local Board of Trustees and consider this matter, and report upon it. In the meantime after consulting with Dr.Barnum,I have written to Mr.Jamgochian that his suggestions seem to us wise,and we do not anticipate any trouble in carrying them out,And I have expressed to him my confidence that you would be ready to cooperate with and aid him in any way possible,while leaving to him the initiative in the work of raising this fund.

This seems to me a very hopeful thing coming in the beginning of the new century,and I take great cheer too from the very encouraging spiritual tone in the college. Yesterday,the Day of Prayer for Colleges,was a good day,and I believe that we shall see practical results soon. There has certainly been a very marked spiritual growth in our students ,and we feel that the atmosphere of the college is quite different from what it has been in past years.

A week ago last Friday I presented to the students the origin of the American Board from a student band,then I traced the connection of that movement with the Student Volunteer Movement ,then I spoke of the present state of the Armenian Nation and its need of Christ,and finally I presented it to them as a possibility that a student movement might arise in the colleges of this land which should be equally potential for good to the Armenian people. I gave them a week to think it over ,at the end of which time I wo

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would see any that wished to talk with me about the matter . I have now the names of 11 students who are considering the ministry ,and there are others. Two of them are Gregorians,and they have already started Sunday Schools in two wards of the city in the Gregorian Churches. Three are Seniors ,and this emphasizes the need of opening a Theological School this year,and that emphasizes the need of reenforcement of which I have already spoken.

The spiritual work in the schools has progressed on very natural lines,there has been no special excitement,only a steadily rising tide of interest,a hightened sense of duty which has manifested itself in practical ways,and a sober thoughtful consideration of the problems fronting them. . I talked two hours with one young man yesterday,and I am to meet him again this week. Mr.Huntington is constantly talking with the boys,who look upon him as a friend and advisor,and both he and I feel that the Spirit is at work. Words do not fall to the ground as they have sometimes seemed to , but are caught up ,considered and seem to bear fruit.

We now hear that the indemnity is to be paid to our government in America,I should be glad to know as soon as possible just what is the amount that I may judge whether it includes any claims for Armenians who were in our buildings at the time. These present a problem of considerable delicacy.

Sincerely yours

C. F. Gates

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15 copies. Sent to the Trustees Bd. of

Rev.Dr.Gates, Manchester, England. Jan.11,1901.

Harpoot.

Dear Sir,

In commemoration of the approaching 20th. anniversary of my graduation ,and in appreciation of the good services which Euphrates College has rendered ,and is still rendering to the general public,I have resolved to make the College a present of two hundred and fifty pounds sterling,the conditions of which will be promulgated in my next letter to be written in March or April.

In my opinion,the time has come for raising the fund expected by the Armenians in support of the College,and I intend to take the initiative in organizing committees here and in America,and applying to the sympathizers of the College who have been directly or indirectly connected with that institution. And I hope that in the course of the next few years ,I shall be able ,with the cooperation of friends ,to raise 2000 T. pounds .

Only I take the liberty of passing the remark that the privilege promised in the 5th. & 6th. articles of the College Constitution published by the late Rev.Dr.C.H.Wheeler for raising 2000 pounds by native sources,is not equivalent to the sacrifice the Armenians will be called upon to make.

My donation will be without prejudice in regard to the following few remarks,as I am prompted by gratitude towards my Alma Mater,but this is the case that the privilege of appointing the native teachers ,in a business point of view ,is in no way a tempting motive to justify our appeal to strangers to the College.It seems to me that by raising the 2000 pounds the natives(of course their 3 or 4 nominees)should have part in the local management of the College affairs,viz.

1.In the appointment of the Armenian teachers.

2.In Prescribing the course of study .

3.In deciding the salaries of the Armenian teachers.

4.In other items pertaining to the local management of the College; all these of course not independently,but in conjunction with the president and the other resident trustees,American ,or otherwise.

I hope that the Trustees of the College in America will not consider the acceptance of similar conditions as interference with their rights and those of their representatives ,nor against the existing rules with which the whole machinery of that huge institution is put in motion.

I feel sure that the experience of the natives could be useful in the local affairs of the college,and their cooperation may be beneficial

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to the interests you are safeguarding in your presidential capacity.

I shall be obliged if you please to put the matter before the American Trustees and inform me about their decision in regardto the suggestions made.

Assuring you that I have the interests of my Alma Mater in my heart ,and that I shall do my best to make the proposed task a success,

I remain,dear Sir

yours faithfully

(signed) A.M.Jamgochian.

P.S. I find the privileges in the aforesaid articles are extended as far as controlling the investment and expenditure of the money raised on the ground .I think that the wisest plan will be to add the money to the original capital and trust the investment of it to the American Board of Trustees. A.M.J.

The writer of the above was a graduate of the college and is a man of high integrity. He is a member of an honorable family in Egin Turkey and was compelled to flee for his personal safety some years ago. His influence upon the Alumni and others will be excellent.

J.L.B.

Rev. C. Frank Gates, D.D. - 282.

EUPHRATES COLLEGE

HARPOOT, TURKEY

Feb. 14 1901.

Dear Dr. Barton:

I wrote last week enquiring as to the amount of indemnity. It has occurred to me that it might be well for you to telegraph to us when the money is paid, giving the number of thousands of dollars in round numbers thus - "Seventy". I would then understand that Seventy thousand dollars had been paid. It would be a great help to me to know what to depend on in building - I do not want to lose time. I am very tired and must get a rest before long, I am sorry to say -

Yours

C. F. Gates.

Rev. C. Frank Gates, D.D.

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Harpoot, Feb. 20. 1901

Dear Dr. Barton:

Last evening I received a telegram from Mr. Peabody, "Three thousand dollars from trustees".

It is very thankfully received, for I am already excavating for foundations of our new building. The weather has been remarkably fine for about ten days and we have taken advantage of it to push work on.

Yours

C. F. Gates.

MAR 28 1901

Hartford, Feb. 27. 1901.

My dear Dr. Barton:

Your letter of Jan. 24 lies before me. I have just finished writing a letter to Dr. Webb in accordance with your suggestion for which I thank you.

I note the election of Mr. Samuel Ward and Col. Hopkins. I hope sometime to make the acquaintance of the Trustees. Their vote of appreciation of the services of the American teachers was very kind, and I can assure them that they are very devoted and efficient workers. Their greatest fault is that they will overwork despite my efforts to restrain them.

Their words concerning myself were very kind and very pleasant. I am touched by what you say of the confidence of the Board of Trustees in myself. I am sure no one in similar position was ever supported more loyally and faithfully. It is a marvel to me, especially when I reflect that I am not personally known to these men; I accept and rejoice in this, too, as one of God's good gifts, not of merit but of grace.

As I have already written to you I have given up the idea of getting George Huntington or Mr. Ward as tutor and am relying upon your efforts to secure some one. The Hartford market seems to promise well. I should be glad to have

such a man come out.

I am excavating foundations for the Girls Middle and Primary Schools, and hope to get that done by Commencement. It is a big building but the old foundations are available to a considerable extent.

I am not without hopes that we may be able to come to an understanding with the Protestant Community of this quarter so that they may vacate their old chapel site to us. It is a matter to which I have had to give a great deal of thought. They are hard to deal with because there are no very good men left among them, and little men are harder to deal with than big men. But I don't believe in running a muck and I think they are beginning to be persuaded that we wish to deal fairly with them.

I do not think of the spiritual work in our school as a revival but as a deepening and strengthening and intensifying of the spiritual life which has borne fruit in consecration of many lives to God. I believe the fruit will be increasingly manifest as the years pass, and that we have reason to expect that the workers for our fields will be ready in the

course of time.

I want to say that Miss Platt has won her way into all our hearts. She is even, unvaryingly sunny and endowed with good judgment. It does me good to see her go about like a ray of sunshine making every one happier for her presence. If you find any more like her just send them out."

I don't like to have you go off to India. It makes me feel lonesome, and I seem to feel as if my underpinnings would not be quite so firm with you gone from the Rooms. Can't you find a double to leave in your place. When one of you Secretaries go off why not call in some pastor to fill the place just for recreation (!!). It would do him a heap of good - or "conducin", as Bronco Bill would say.

Yours
C. F. Gates

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EUPHRATES COLLEGE.

My dear Dr.Barton, Harpoot,Mch.26,1901.

Yours of the 12th. of February came last week,and I am delighted to know that you are in a receptive attitude so far as the indemnity is concerned.

We have at last come to an arrangement with the brethren whereby they vacate the site on which the chapel was formerly built ,and we shall build our dormitories for boys there . The Girls Primary and Middle Schools' building is more than half built already ,when that is done I want to begin on the dormitories if the money comes in .

In regard to a tutor for the college,I am sorry that there is any uncertainty in your mind as to our need of one. Mr.Huntington's desire and purpose is to return to America this summer,and I feel so strongly that he should do so that I do not intend to admit of any possibility that he may stay . We shall let him go whether any one else is found or not,therefore the place here is clearly vacant,and nothing should prevent the putting forth of every effort to secure a successor to him.

In the same connection it seems to me that the need of reenforcements should not be under estimated. Dr.Barnum is no longer able to carry on full work. Mr.Browne speaks quite doubtfully of his being able to remain much longer, and he is looking forward to Dr.Shepard's visit here in order to consult with him about his own health .His last attack and the constant trouble he has experienced in travelling have caused him to doubt his own ability to hold on.

I do not know how we are to fill my place while I am in America. If both a tutor and a missionary could come out it would greatly simplify matters. I think myself that we ought to have a physician here,and I am persuaded that a really skillful male physician could earn his own support here,

I will enclose to you two photographs,one of the workmen employed on the building at work and the other of the same at their lunch time.Unfortunately they found out that they were being taken and they insisted on rising to their feet.

Sincerely yours

C. F. Gates

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Rev.J.L.Barton,D.D. Harpoot,May 1,1901.
Boston,Mass. U.S.A.

Dear Dr.Barton,

You will doubtless hear from others of Dr.Shepherd's flying visit to our station and the results of his medical examination of its members . In a word I may sum up the results as follows: Mrs. Barnum must go at once to Marsovan for a serious operation ,Mrs.Browne is under treatment with the probability if not the certainty that she will be obliged to undergo an operation later,Mr.Browne is also under treatment and the doctor has advised me to leave Harpoot this year for season of rest . The morning of Dr.Shepherd's departure the people gathered to see him for treatment until he was obliged to tear himself away from them,mount his horse and ride away,and then one man followed for more than an hour begging for treatment .

These things emphasize the need of a skillful physician here which we have felt and in regard to which we have written you before . We feel it so deeply that we have written to Aintab asking Dr.Marden to come here this summer for a month or two and try to meet the need of treatment for our orphans,our circle and the people.

I wish to say in this connection that it is our strong conviction as a station that there should be a hospital and a medical department here,and I have presented to the station this proposition ,which I wish to present to you also,that in case we obtain the indemnity a portion of it should be set aside for the building of a small hospital and the support of a physician for two years . At the end of that time we think that a physician could earn his own support here and make the hospital independent of aid from the Board . Our object in inviting Dr. Marden was partly that we might become acquainted with him and judge of his fitness to enter upon this work here at the expiration of the year of service for which he has promised to remain at Aintab. Dr.Shepherd gives him a very strong recommendation both as a physician and as a Christian ,and we have great confidence in Dr.Shepherd's judgment based as it is upon exceptionally good opportunities for knowing Dr.Marden.

Another very strong reason for our desire to establish such a medical department here is that we consider that this is one of the best possible instrumentalities for breaking down prejudice and disarming the hostility of the Turkish population . The latter is one of the most serious obstacles with which we have to contend here ,and we believe that it would be worth while to do all we can to remove it.

Harpoot, May 1, 1901

The physician enters all homes, and lays Turks and Christians under obligations by his ministrations and it has been abundantly shown in Aintab and Marsovan and Van that the gratitude and friendship thus won has been very helpful in removing difficulties and forwarding the work. Moreover such medical work bulks large before the eyes of the whole population as a proof of disinterested Christian love .

We hope that this matter will receive your careful consideration and win your approval and that of the Prudential Committee.

Sincerely yours

C. F. Gates

I should have said that if we had been able to consult a skilled physician at an earlier stage it is probable that the physical condition of our missionary circle would have been much less serious than it is now.

I should also add that there is now no physician practising in the city of Harpoot, Dr. Hagopian having recently removed to Mezreh.

Sincerely yours

C. F. Gates

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Rev.J.L.Barton,D.D.
Boston,Mass.

Harpoot,May 22,1901.

Dear Dr.Barton,

Your letter announcing the appointment of Dr.Atkinson and a young man and his wife for Harpoot and the college brought us great joy.We are in sore need of such reenforcements for the strength of our station has been sorely depleted.

I have written to Dr.Atkinson advising him in regard to the equipment he will need both for himself and for his medical work. I hope that some way will be found to provide him with a good outfit of medecines and instruments .Perhaps some friends or church will furnish this. I have written to him that he will need to give an examination in Constantinople in order to get a diploma,of late years the Turkish authorities require that this examination be given either in Turkish or French. A small knowledge of French will suffice. Dr.Ussher knew very little,but they allowed him to pass. It might be well for Dr.Atkinson,if he knows any French to post himself on medical terms in that language . It will be well if he can reach Constantinople early in the Autumn in order to allow the necessary time to get his diploma and then come on here with the other family .I should say that he ought not to allow less than a month to get his diploma,and it may require two or more. Please see to it that this matter is not overlooked.We do not wish to have the Board incur unnecessary expense for two expeditions to the coast.

Dr.Shepherd has advised me to take a vacation as soon as possible He said that he had written to you on this subject,so I need not enlarge on it. I have three buildings in hand now. If I can finish them I should like to leave this fall. We have written to Marsovan inviting Mr.White to come and take my place during my absence,but the result is unknown yet. A vote has been started asking for permission for us to leave whenever, in the judgment of the station shall seem advisable.

When the new recruits have fixed their time of sailing we should be advised in order to arrange for meeting them at the coast.

We hear from Constantinople that arrangements have been made with the Ottoman Bank for the payment of the indemnity at once. As soon as it is paid,please telegraph me giving the number of the nearest round number to the sum allowed to us,for example,if our indemnity is 68,000 odd,telegraph Seventy ,and we will understandit.Then have $5000 put to my credit for buildingwithout loss of time,for our work is going on all the time,and I do not wish to be delayed for lack of funds .

Sincerely yours
C.F.Gates.

Harpoot, Mary 22, 1901

Harpoot, June 27. 1901

Dear Barnums:

Commencement is just over, and it has passed off well. The new building delights every one, the boys and girls sang better than ever before (still room for improvement) the air was cool and pleasant. The Smarig Effendi, Kaimakam, Muavin and Wali's nephew were there. The Arabkir Arachmort, Mushegh Vartabed spoke a few words. Abd el Aziz came and was offended because he could not have a seat on the platform beside the Kaimakam, so he went off mad vowing that he would not come again. May he have courage to keep his resolution! After the exercises we invited the guests into the College and gave them ice cream and cake and coffee.

I have an abscess over my right eye which has not helped me to patience these last days. But the days are over. The new building is formally opened and I am almost ready to say, "Now, Lord, lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace".

Yours
C. H. Fakes.

There were many inquiries for you -

Harpoot, May 22, 1901

Harpoot, June 24, 1901.

Dear Barnums:

I have written to H. S. Barnum, suggesting that if he can come here, he might be able to bring Harry with him and have his aid in the work; then, we should be strongly manned. I write this to you so you may know just how matters stand. This is Commencement Week, and you know how busy we are. Things are going well so far, and the new building is fine. The main room is 90 square inches larger than the room we use for chapel now. The Dedication service was a pleasant one.

June 26.

There were between 800 and 900 present at the exercises yesterday - Girls Exhibition. I estimated 800 - Ellsworth and Prof. Kalligian, 900 - but the air was good all through. Juniors did finely as ushers -

Yours

C. F. D.

Rev. Judson Smith, D.D.
Boston, Mass

Harpoot, July 3. 1907

Dear Dr. Smith,

Your letter of June 6th. has just been received. I know that the Marsovan people find much benefit from spending summers in Switzerland, but they are only two days journey and the coast. It would take me three weeks to reach Switzerland and three weeks to return. This would not leave me very much of the months of July and August to spend there. Moreover, the work of building still goes on and demands all my time. Marsovan Station does not see its way to allow Mr. White to come here; neither does Constantinople see how it can spare Dr. H. S. Barnum whom we invited.

In regard to Dr. Atkinson there is one point which has been overlooked. It will be a great help to him if he has in addition to his diploma of the Medical College a State certificate. If he should still be in America he would do well to obtain a certificate from the State of New York. Without a State certificate the Turkish Govt. will not recognize his diploma if he has left, in case he graduated from a State University it may be possible to obtain a certificate

from that State.

Thanking you for your courtesy, I regret that the way does not seem open to me to comply with your advice and take a summer vacation

Yours

C. A. Gates.

My dear Dr.Barton, Harpoot, July 11, 1901.

I thought I should have written to you far earlier than this. Doubtless you have already heard that the indemnity has been paid over into the hands of the American minister, £19,000. There was some misunderstanding as to the amount due to us, but I trust that it will soon be adjusted. It comes just in time, for the money for building is just about exhausted. I have four buildings under way, and hope to complete them all this fall.

Dr.Shepard wrote to Boston about my need of taking rest, and his letter elicited a very characteristic and very ludicrous letter from Dr.Smith. He expresses his sympathy in the usual form, and then says that Dr.Tracy of Marsovan has found great relief from spending the summer months in Switzerland and he hopes that I will try to spend the months of July and August at least there, if I cannot come home. I replied that Marsovan was two days from the coast, Harpoot two weeks, that it would take me three weeks to reach Switzerland and three weeks to return, which would not leave very much of the months of July and August to spend there.

We applied to Marsovan for the loan of Mr.White to take my place, but the Station did not feel that it could spare him, then we applied to Constantinople for the loan of H.S.Barnum, but it looks as if the Constantinople Station were about to follow the example of Marsovan. The Trustees telegraphed "Trustees grant furlough, desire Huntington to remain", but I do not think that we ought to ask him to stay longer. He has already spent four years here and he must go soon if he is to pursue a course of study. Mr.Browne thinks that it would be better for me to remain until spring and let the new man get broken in, and I am perfectly willing to do so if I can hold out through another winter, that is the only question in my mind.

The matter of Herbert Allen's coming to the E.T.M. seems to hold fire and the point of sticking is here in Harpoot. All the rest of the Mission are willing to have him go to Erzroom, but some of this Station think that a dangerous experiment. Three of the station voted against it, two did not vote at all, not knowing the man, one did not vote for some other reason, and two voted in favor of his going to Erzroom. The reasons for objecting to his going to Erzroom were: 1. He would take the leading place there because of his knowledge of the language and his superiority to Mr.Stapleton in personal attractiveness and address, so that if he did not agree with Mr.S. all the latter's work would be undone in a short time. 2. There seem to be strong reasons to fear that he would not agree with Mr.S. Mr. Allen is one of those missionaries' sons who have taken the position of being in a special sense the advocates and defenders of the people. Hohannes Agha would be sure to try to get his ear, and there

is so much of truth and plausibility in what he would say in regard to Mr.S. that there is reason to fear that Mr.Allen would adopt his views and the result would be disagreement between the two missionaries which would result in the retirement of Mr.S. and a return of Erzroom Station to the policy pursued under the Chambers Brothers. 3. There is a strong feeling that Mr.Allen is not the man to go into Erzroom Station in the peculiar state of things existing there.

I write these things to you plainly, not as an advocate, I did not vote. I have never met Mr.Allen, and do not know him. I only want you to know just how matters stand . It is of no use to write to any one in Boston whom I know, and so we must just let matters take their course and see what the issue will be. Dr.Raynolds writes quite warmly in favor of his going to Erzroom, and he ought to know him, whether he knows the situation of Erzroom is not so clear. The failure to hold Annual Meetings is a disadvatage. If the Mission would come down here or to Mardin I think we might hold a meeting, but I do not believe that in the present state of the empire it would be practical to hold a meeting in Van or Bitlis, and yet we cannot say so lest it be thought that " Harpoot wants the earth as usual".

By this post we have received a very pleasant letter from Dr.G.C. Adams of SanFrancisco in regard to Dr.Atkinson. It looks as if he were the right man. What we hear about Mr.Carey is not quite so favorable. He is said to be sharp and incisive , which may be a good thing if seasoned with grace. His wife to-be says that "she will go out with him, but not as a missionary." Well, I do not object to that if she is a thorough-going Christian. All I ask of a missionary's wife is to be a good Christian wherever she may be . We shall give them a warm welcome and every chance to win their own way . There ought to be some chance for training on the field, by which young missionaries could get the benefit of the experience of older missionaries-a sort of station class for young missionaries which should take up the various problems of missionary life, call attention to them and afford some help in solving them.

Well, you will not wish frequent letters from me if I do not hold up soon. Good bye, The Lord guide and help you all the way and every day.!

yours

C.H. Gates

Harpoot, July 17. 1901.

Dear Mr. Barnum,

The last post brought a letter for you deficient in postage. As usual with such letters it turned out to be a notice of the marriage of Rev. Haigag Khazoyan to Miss Flora Tchmayan. The notice is sent by Santigian. I do not forward, as I think it has already paid all the postage that can be asked of it. If you wish to acknowledge they are at Home after June 16. 45 Lexington Ave. New York City.

I wish you would find out all you can about the Marsovan Bakery, how they run it, if it pays. How much bread do they turn out? Do they sell to outsiders? Does the Govt. exercise any supervision over it?

By this post I have written to my brother Herbert asking him if he would consider a call to come here and take up the work of the Theol. Seminary. Mr. Browne and Mr. Knapp signed and Mr. B. wrote your name as being absent. The preachers and pastors urge the opening of the Seminary very strongly and there is certainly great need. Mr. Browne has reached the point where he thinks it should be opened next spring.

I have not much hope that Herbert will accept the invitation, though I am trying to persuade him to leave the Seminary. The trustees will never have any adequate conception of what a Seminary librarian should be, and Herbert is too good a man to become merely the clerk of the library. Dr. Atkinson is planning to go to Paris to study French enough to pass his examination and then come on. The Turks allow either French or Turkish as the language of examination.

The meetings of the pastors and preachers last week were very good, and as a result of them it has been decided to ordain Br. Toro, Br. Bedros of the German Orphanage and Br. Durtad. Bd. Kavné thinks that Bd. Bedros has had a spiritual quickening. I attended very few, as I had building and accounts on hand. Prof. Tenekejian gave a dinner to the preachers which was a good thing.

We received a telegram from Elsworth saying: واردی بکری بشنجی صولرده اکنز بلشورز

The first word was a puzzle, I sent it to the office to be repeated, but with no profit. Finally it dawned upon me that it

should read واردیه and means that Ward is coming too. We all are shall be glad to welcome him and them. Mr. Truman is also expected back here before long.

The roofstubers are going up for the Boys' Dormitory and Ladies' Rooms. The former will be a beautiful building and no mistake, and it will provide room enough for the institution to grow. Nellie would join me in love to you and all the circle if she were here. She is about as usual.

Yours
C. Yates

Thursday, July 18th.

I am sending you a lot of papers today and I enclose letter from H.S.R. All my letters express very urgent hope that I may get away in September while declining the invitation to take my place. Some suggest that their wives' relations might come here, and all are very modest and humble about their ability to fill the post. I begin to get puffed up. I had not realized how big the

post was which I occupy!
Well, the Lord must guide and He will. If I had only myself to consider I should simply drop all thought of going, but Nellie needs to get away as much as I, and she will be anxious for me so long as I stay.
I had hoped for some positive news the payment of the indemnity to Peck by this post, but none came. I suppose the money is still in the hands of our ministers. I see for the appropriations for building are exhausted.
Love to you all and all the circle. How glad we were to see Mrs. B's handwriting again. I had dreaded to have you take the journey here in the heat of summer; it seems to me that you are following just the right course. The Lord give you a double portion of strength of body and strength of His Spirit.
Yours
G.T.G.

C. T. Gates to H. N. Barnum
July 22 1901

C O P Y .

Harpoot, August 14, 1901.

Dear Mr. Davis,

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There we can have absolute quiet and rest. It is of little use for us to attempt to visit friends or travel about speaking until we have gained some strength, and when I get strength I want to spend it in the service here if the Lord will.

In regard to the expense of my stay in America I do not know just what will be the right thing. Will the college continue my salary while I am at home, or shall I apply to the Board for some aid? I shall have some income of my own funds on which I can draw, but it is not large, especially since the withdrawal of $5000. for the college, and it may not be enough for us to live on in America. One reason for going to Dunedin in Florida is that living is very cheap there.

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ment that Dr. Barnum should act as President of the College with Mr. Carey to aid and Mr. Knapp will give some lessons, but it will require further thought to plan everything.

There will be just about time for one more letter from you to reach me here. I hope to travel by sea most of the way home and in that way gain the benefit of the homeward journey for health.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) C. F. Gates.

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Harpoot, Aug. 22. 1901

Rev. E. E. Strong, D.D.
Clerk pro tempore Trustees of Euphrates College

My dear Dr. Strong:

Yesterday's post brought to me the very kind minute adopted by the Trustees, July 19th. The sympathy and support of the trustees has been a great cheer and comfort to me and is still. They have left nothing undone to advance the interests of the college, and their warm expressions of confidence in me make me wish that I were more worthy of them.

To tell the truth, I feel a little ashamed to leave the work just now and cause so much trouble to find some one in my place. There is nothing much the matter with me, only I am tired. I keep up my exercise and peg along, but it takes more will power to keep on with the work than it used to, and I often feel dissatisfied with the quality of my work. The condition of my family, too, weighs on me, and my oldest boy ought to go home for education. I adopt the words from Widow Bedott: "We're all poor critters".

Yours
C. H. Gates.

Harpoot, Aug. 22, 1901
Rec'd Oct. 14, 1901

C O P Y .

Harpoot, August 28th, 1901.

My dear Mr. Davis,

Last week I forgot to answer your inquiry about the deeds and titles to our property here. I cannot yet fully satisfy, but I write to say that I have had copies made of all the title-papers, and I am preparing a full description to accompany the charts of the premises. I hope to be able to forward this by next post. This week we have so much on hand that it is not possible to finish all the work.

Mr. Huntington is leaving for America next Monday, and Dr. Marden starts to-morrow on his return to Aintab.

I will say in general that the tract of land on which the mission is built is held under a deed given by the original owner, for which we have the government title deed. All subsequent ~~additions~~ acquisitions are protected by government title deeds with the exception of two or three recent purchases. For these the owner has given a quitclaim deed, which is the first step in the transfer; it remains for us to secure the government title deed; this is often a matter requiring considerable time in Turkey. The deeds must come from Constantinople.

The school buildings are built for the most part on the land included in the original tract. The buildings are exempt from taxation, but the land on which they stand is taxed in the case of some of the buildings but not of others. The reason for this is that formerly houses stood there and they

were taxed; they have been burned or removed and now schools occupy the ground, but the land tax has never been removed. It is a small matter, 5 or 10 piastres per year, and to remove it is a work of so much difficulty that we have not undertaken it. This is Turkey.

I shall try to bring out all these details in the next post, but it costs much time and labor and I cannot always command my own time.

Yours,

(Signed) C. F. Gates.

Aug. 29.

Yours with enclosed clipping received. From that it would appear that the Government is disposed to take this $95,000. in lieu of all claims that ever have been made, and pare down all claims pro rata. It seems to me that Mr. Strauss could aid in this matter. He presented the claim for $95,000. and he knows for what it was made.

The delay is bad. Our building account is already in debt nearly £400, and we shall need nearly as much more to finish off the three buildings now in hand. We thought we could depend on the indemnity, but now the delays of the United States Government are added to those of the Turk, and how shall the last state of that man compare with the first?

I expect to start for the United States in about six

weeks. If I can do so, I shall sail by the North German Lloyd Line from Naples or Genoa, so as to have the quiet of the sea voyage. The amount of work to be crowded into the remaining six weeks appalls me, but it is only one day at a time, and "God is able to make all grace abound unto you; that ye having always all sufficiency in everything may abound unto every good work."

Would it be possible to borrow money enough to finish up our buildings on the strength of the indemnity? I will go on building because I cannot do otherwise now.

Yours truly,

(Signed) C. F. Gates.

Aug. 29 1901.

Your very kind letter of July 31st reached me yesterday and I have read it twice over. It is very good of you to write so fully and I appreciate it very much. It gives me a clear idea of the situation. It would be a very long time to start in about as you have been, you are entirely right in thinking that every station is inadequately manned and the demands of Relief Work, building the have thrown an enormous amount of work upon our station, from which we are not yet free. If our force were doubled it would not be too large.

Yours

C. F. Gates

EUPHRATES COLLEGE

HARPOOT, TURKEY

My dear Dr. Smith

Aug. 29 1901.

Your very kind letter of July 28th (I think) came yesterday. I thank you for your sympathy and consideration.

It has seemed to me right to go to America, leaving the work to be provided for by the members of the station; so we are expecting to start in about six weeks. You are entirely right in thinking that every station is inadequately manned, and the demands of Relief Work, Building etc have thrown an enormous amount of work upon our station, from which we are not yet free. If our force were doubled it would not be too large.

Yours

C. A. Dates

Harpoot, Aug. 29
Rec'd Oct. 3.

Dr. C. F. Gates

Robert College,
Constantinople
Oct. 26. 1901.

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Rev. Judson Smith, D.D.
Boston, Mass. U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Smith:

I wish to inform you that we expect to sail from Genoa by the North German Lloyd steamer First Bismark on Nov. 7th. and shall probably arrive in New York on the 18th. or 19th.

We will come on to Boston as soon as may be, and I hope there to have some conference with the officers of the Board and College concerning our work.

We are filled with happiness over the news of the extinguishing of the debt.

Mrs. Gates and the children have improved in health on our journey.

Sincerely yours
C. F. Gates

179 So. Orange Grove Ave.
Pasadena, California
Dec. 2d 1901

Rev. Judson Smith, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Smith:

We arrived here safely on Thanksgiving day after a journey of 11000 miles lasting 8 weeks and one day. We are very tired but very thankful to arrive at a resting place, and such a resting place!

I think we shall be able to rest here and grow strong.

Will you kindly see that all mail for us is sent to the above address.

In preparation for talks which I may make after I get rested I should like to get a resume of the Tabular Reports from Harpoot Station. Have you a type writer who could draw up a table showing the totals of the annual Reports as far back as you have them on file. Our papers were burned at Harpoot.

Mrs. Gates joins me in greetings to yourself and associates.

Sincerely yours
C. H. Gates.

Rev. C. H. Gates D.D.
19 So. Grange Grove Ave
Pasadena, Cal.

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Dec. 30. 1901.
Monday.

dear Dr. Barton:

Your letter of Dec. 23d just
ived, and I am very glad to
e from you.
t suppose that the $47,000. ap-
tioned by our government is for
losses of the Board and College,
not for the losses of individual
sionaries. As the whole amount
s about $66,000., I am in some
bt how much reduction has
e made. The schedule must
among your papers, as I sent
on to you.
s to my own funds, the only
to be considered is the $5000,
ch I advanced in order to get
buildings under way. If that

can be returned to me, I shall be glad of it. There are, however, certain sums due from the Board to the College for buildings constructed on the College grounds which belong to the Board. One of these is the building erected on the site of the Theological Seminary building. It cost £1.200. I left full memoranda in Harpoot, but I have not them with me.

I hope that we may have something to put into the College Endowment Fund after all the bills are paid.

I am sorry to say that Mrs Gates' father is very ill. Last Friday the doctors gave up all

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hope for him and expected that he would die in a few hours, but Mrs. Gates could not give him up. She held on in faith, praying to God for his recovery, and a change for the better has taken place which the doctor says is remarkable. He is improving slowly day by day. These have been trying days for Mrs. Gates and indeed for us all.

I am not doing any work, I ride a wheel and attend all the games I can. The weather is warm and sunny and I am confident that we shall realize the benefits of it all, as soon as our circumstances become more favorable. I mean when our sick ones get better.

Day after tomorrow the annual Tournament of Roses will take place here followed by a great game of football between the University of Michigan and the Leland Stanford University.

There are many excursions in this vicinity, but I have not yet been able to take them.

I have sent to Mr. Davis a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws amended, I hope you will find time to consider it carefully. It is a nice matter to arrange a plan for working with the minister. Mr. Wheeler's plan was an impossible one. Make this one as good as you can.

Love to Mrs. Barton from us both

Yours

C. A. Gates

Rev. C. H. Parks Gates D.D.
19 So. Orange Grove Ave
Pasadena, Cal.
Dec. 19. 1901

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Acknowledged

My dear Dr. Barton:

Six days before Christmas I am sitting in the open air writing letters upon a pad held on my knee. What I want to say is, Welcome home! We are glad to have you back again, and I hope that both you and Mrs. Barton have come home refreshed and strengthened.

We arrived here Thanksgiving Day, very tired and very thankful. For nine months our little boy, Moore, has been ailing from intestinal catarrh. All the way home we had to watch his diet, keep him off his feet and protect him from the cold.

Mrs. Gates, too, was very much worn out and nervously exhausted. A week after our arrival here I came down with pleurisy, I recovered quickly after a week's illness, but this morning I have an attack of the old fashioned disease of "Hives", which keeps me employed in allaying the irritation. The doctor says my system is run down, I am waiting for it to run up again.

I should be glad of an opportunity to sit down and talk with you over many topics, but you will be rushed to the extreme of weariness, until you get caught up with the work of the Rooms, so you will be glad that ~~that~~ I am 3000 miles away.

New year's day we are to have the Tournament of Roses and a big foot ball game between the University of Michigan eleven and the Leland Stanford University. I take in these events, for I enjoy games just as much as ever.

I have learned to ride a wheel, but the doctor restrains me from indulging my desires in this line of exercise freely.

Mrs. Gates unites with me in sending love to Mrs. B. and yourself.

Yours

C. F. Gates

Mrs. Gates' father is very ill, incurably so, I fear.

179 So. Orange Grove Ave. 300.
Pasadena, California.
Jan. 7. 1902

JAN 13 1902

My dear Dr. Barton:

Yours of Jan. 1st. has just come to hand.

I am glad to hear that the indemnity has at last been paid. I have sent a voucher to the State Department, and I presume I shall receive from them the $3000. they have apportioned to me.

JAN 13 1902

I have received a letter from Dr. Cox of the Board of Trustees of Robert College inquiring if I would consider an invitation to go there with a view to becoming Dr. Washburn's successor. I am not clear what my duty in this matter is. I recognize the importance of Robert College. I should be glad if the choice of the trustees had fallen on some one else, but I am forced to consider whether this is God's call to me. If it be, it seems to me that God will find some one to take my place in Harpoot. If I could see that place filled I should consider that a strong indication that I ought to go to Robert College. I have asked Dr. Cox whether he is willing that I lay the matter before the trustees of Euphrates College, if he consents I will then write: but as you have been cognizant of this matter from the beginning I write to you to ask if you have any light.

I do not want to leave Harpoot; it seems to me that I could not leave that work unprovided and take up this new one.

You may have heard that Mrs. Gates' father, Mr. S. M. Moore, died Jan. 1. We shall remain here for awhile and try to rest.

Sincerely yours

C. P. Gates

179 So. Orange Grove ave.
Pasadena, Cal.
Jan. 11. 1902.

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My dear Dr. Barton:

Yours of Jan. 6th is just received - Mr. Moore breathed his last on earth at 6.20 of New years evening. Mrs. Gates was much worn and wearied and she caught a cold which is giving her serious trouble. Her head is much congested, and she has considerable pain in her ears. She is staying in bed, and I am in hopes that she will get rested.

In regard to Miss Wheeler's letter, I have no recollection of having removed anything from her claim or transferred anything to the college. I should be perfectly willing to put any amount granted to the college for loaning library into her hands to expend for that object. She knows what we need, and she has done much for the college in those lines. I have no copy of the claims for indemnity with me, and can not tell just how matters stand, but all the papers pertaining to the original claim, the revision &c are in Harpoot. It may be that the claim was reduced in revision, but I have no recollection of it.

I feel some hesitation about receiving any aid from the college for my support in view of the invitation from Robert College. If it should seem best that

I go there I should not like to have our college charged with my support while I am in this country. I had intended to give to the college whatever comes to me from the indemnity. If I should retain that I could then be independent.

Letters from Harpoot speak of a proposal emanating, I think, from Van that the E. Mission should be divided into two missions: A. Harpoot & Mardin - B. Van, Bitlis and Erzroom. This seems to me ill advised. The only argument for it is the difficulty in getting all the stations together for annual meeting. The truth that all the stations are under manned. But the change will result in very small meetings, and I fear would practically result in substituting independent stations for the mission. I do not think that either Harpoot or Mardin would make the journey of one week for the sake of a meeting composed of three or four gentlemen and a few ladies. and the decisions of either meeting would not inspire confidence to the same degree as now. It seems to me that the thing to be done is to insist upon regular meetings

the mission at least once in two years -
I hope you will see to it that the By Laws
are put in such shape as to meet the
conditions in this country. I think I
called attention to that in my letter.
Our loving greetings to Mrs. Barton -

Sincerely yours
C. T. Gates

179 So. Orange Grove Ave.
Pasadena, Cal.
Jan. 20. 1902.

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Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.
Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Barton:

Mrs. Gates and I wish to express our thanks for the words of sympathy in your letters of Jan. 6th. Mr. Moore's death was to him a glad release from long continued suffering. It is one more tie severed from earth and bound to heaven for us. We thank the Trustees also.

The disposition you have made of the indemnity fund for the College seems to me exactly right. Our trustees generally do the right thing, and this action is just what it should be.

At the time I left Harpoot we had put up the following buildings: —

1. Building adjoining stable - Theol. Semy. site - contains rooms for hostler, workshop occupied by orphans - Three rooms now rented to a teacher - Cost £T. 250.
   This should be refunded to College from the Board -
2. Bakery + Bath for Boys. 300 -
3. Kindergarten, Girls Primary and Intermediate Schools - Two stories - about 120' x 40' - 900 -
4. Rooms for Lady Teachers - unfinished 100 -
5. Boys Dormitory, in which is now the Boys Intermediate also - 900 -
6. Girls College and High School - 1700 -

Carried fwd - £T. 41,50

Prof. Ford. £.J. 4150.

Expenses for Permit, Gifts towards Government Building etc.	201.62
Purchase of 2 Lots adjoining Prof. Melcon's	54
Paid on Chapel Site - in park.	30.
Building wall along the Chakhpoor Road.	100.
Matrials on hand - about -	272.85
£.J.	4708.47

This makes six buildings erected within less than two years. I am sorry that I can not place my hand on my copy of the chart of the premises, so that I might refer to these by the numbers given there. Mr. Davis has a copy and if you will let him see this letter I think he can make it out.

These buildings house the schools very comfortably. Our plans call for the erection of a large assembly Hall for the schools over the stable. It is something of a question in my mind whether it is better to build this or to encourage the Protestant Community to build a large church which could be used by the College also. There was an item in the indemnity claim for the chapel.

The present buildings have one drawback. The Boys Intermediate School now occupies a part of the Dormitory Building - one story. This makes it difficult to keep the building clean and to maintain order. I should like to remove that school to a separate building, somewhat removed from the other schools.

It should be said that a letter recently received from Harpoot says that the permission to build over the stable expires this year. To have it good we must build this summer, if that be true.

I am, however, of the opinion that it is better not to move hastily. I would rather rest content with what we have until we are sure that we have made our plans well and prepared everything to carry them out.

There are other things needed. Let me specify some of them:-

1- We need provision for a Theological Seminary. I think the best plan for this is to provide ~~some place~~ a building for the Boys' Intermediate School, and remove it from the Dormitory Building. That will then be large enough to accomodate the theological students

and the College Building is sufficient for their recitations. In this connection, let me remind you that we have several buildings occupied as orphanages - two - which will revert to the College when not needed for orphans. I hope to use them for teachers' residences, they paying rental to the college, and so induce our teachers to live near the college, but there would be room to house theological students in them if necessary -

Since I left Harpoot the purchase of one more building has been consummated, the Schmavonian House - which will make a good teacher's residence or school.

We have expected that the number of our scholars would decrease as the orphans went out, but the increase of day scholars seems to fill their place and a little more, which is most encouraging. My last report from Harpoot was that the boys numbered 580. This makes the whole number more than 1000. Doubtless you will get exact reports from Harpoot.

2. We need a Gymnasium. I think this could be obtained in the building to be erected for the Intermediate School,

but I could wish that the money for that building might be donated by some benevolent person, so that we need not draw on the funds now in hand. They are needed in the Endowment Fund -

3. We need a department of Manual Training to fit our scholars for the trades. Our object being to open new fields of labor for those who go out from the school, and to put Christian men into the business circles of Turkey. Not all our graduates can become preachers and teachers, or doctors, or go to America. At present these are considered about the only occupations for college graduates, and there is a strong desire on the part of business men that their boys should learn trades. They would be glad to keep them in school longer if they could have a trade when they go out from the school.

Such a department would require some one at the head of it who has studied such training and who could adapt a course to the needs of Turkey - If Mr. Huntington could take a normal course in a Polytechnical School he would be an admirable man for it.

To open such a department would involve considerable expense. We should not demand that the department become speedily self-supporting. If we do we shall sacrifice its educational value, because we shall use our students to help on a factory, as is done in Marsovan and Sivas, instead of using our department of training to help on our students.

There would be need of some hand-power machines, tools, material and competent instructors. I have been studying up the Throop Polytechnical Institute in this town and thinking how the system can be adapted to Turkey. I am convinced that such instruction would greatly increase the value of the education we give to our students.

4. We need a strong force of teachers both American and Armenian so that we may be able to do our best work. Our work is poor work.

Do not say now we have the indemnity and the buildings, there is nothing more for us to do. We must go forward. The present condition of the College is exceedingly gratifying and encouraging. All the classes are

are filling up with a good class of students. We are drawing students from an ever widening area, and the number of boarding students increases as well as the day scholars.

The grade of study is rising and our corps of teachers are enthusiastically seeking the best methods.

Our graduates are sought by communities for teachers, but they are demanding good character as well as mental equipment. One graduate whom we could not recommend failed to find any place. This is as it should be. We must never lose sight of the fact that a true Christian character is our first aim in this work.

I should like to express my gratitude to the trustees for the steady support and warm sympathy they have shown to me this year, and especially am I grateful to Mr. Davis. He has followed the work with painstaking efforts to understand its needs and a cheerful readiness to make sacrifices to fill them. Such support has given me great courage and cheer. The Lord bless our trustees.

Sincerely yours

C. F. Gates

If Huntington would go out, he and Carey might aid Dr. B. leaving the choice of a president for the present.

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Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.
Boston, Mass.

179 So. Orange Grove Ave.
Pasadena, Calif.
Feb. 27. 1902.

MAR 19 1902

My dear Dr. Barton;

Your letter of the 19th. instant came yesterday. I have read the Treasurer's report with great interest, and come to the same conclusion that I arrive at every year, namely, that Mr. Davis is a <u>treasure</u> as well as a treasurer.

I have written to him today in regard to the purpose to build the assembly Hall, which was expressed in letters from Harpoot received today. I think it would be well for you to see that letter and consult with Mr. Davis. I think we should telegraph to Harpoot not to begin any new buildings now.

I have not yet had time to go over the Constitution and By Laws carefully. I will write later about them.

Rev. C. F. Yates, D.D.
Pasadena, Jan. 20, 1902
For use in Trustee meeting

I have not seen the action of Beirut College to which you refer. I suppose that it means a call to Howard Bliss to take his father's place. The conditions in Syria are much better than in Constantinople so far as relations with the government go.

It would be a great help in solving the question of Robert College if we could present the name of some man whom we could urge the trustees of Robert College to consider. Do you know of any one who would fill the bill? I have written to Dr. Cox that if a man could be found for Robert College we must consider that a providential indication that I should remain in Harpoot.

There are some things in this connection, which I do not like to write. I wish we might talk them over. I expect to be in

Chicago in May. Dr. Cox has asked if I could meet them in New York. If I go East what would you think of my coming to Boston for a conference! Or shall you come west?

I go to San Francisco in April to meet Dr. Atkinsons family and church.

Our love to Mrs. Barton -

Sincerely yours

C. T. Gates.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.
Boston, Mass.

179 So. Orange Grove Ave.
Pasadena, Cal.
March 14. 1902.

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My dear Dr. Barton:

Letters just received from Harpoot make me anxious. You know that Dr. Barnum has been suffering from a sore on his knee for some time. It runs constantly and is a drain on his strength. Mrs. Norton writes that they think it is cancer. Please do not allude to this in writing to Harpoot. I do not feel at all sure that she is right in her diagnosis, but at his age such a long continued running sore is not a light thing. Miss Platt, too, is suffering from some female trouble which began last summer and has continued ever since — a constant drain on her strength.

Now, you know that the Harpoot missionaries are very slow to seek the aid they need for themselves. I want to have Dr. Shepard go to Harpoot from Diarbekir, if Dr. Atkinson has not left Constantinople. I wonder if you could not telegraph to Constantinople and find out whether Dr. A. has passed there. If he has not I should suggest that a telegram be sent to Dr. Shepard asking him to go to Harpoot for the health of the missionary circle. We can not afford to leave undone anything that might be done, Mosallis have already

passed bringing no relief. Mrs Norton said they should not be surprised if Dr. Barnum should go any day, and Miss Platt may be obliged to drop her work and go home. I should not urge this did I not know how very reluctant the Barnums are to call a doctor from a distance for themselves.

Dr. Barnum has written several times about Mr. Carey in a way that made me feel that he has some doubts as to his fitness for the work. Mrs. Norton writes that Mr. Carey is greatly tired with Dr. Barnum. She speaks as if he were severe, says that Mr. Carey has been on the point of giving up and going home. Very likely you have letters from him. I can see that there may be something to be said on both sides.

These letters make me feel as if I ought to start back at once; I do not know what they would do in Harpoot if any of circle should fail now. Please take under consideration the duty of sending skilled medical aid to Harpoot at once and let me know what you do -

Sincerely yours

C. T. Gates.

Rev. C. H. Gates D.D.
So. Orange Mor. Co.
Pasadena, Cal.
March 24, 1902.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.
Boston, Mass.

MAR 29 1902

My dear Dr. Barton:

Yours of the 19th is just received.

I do not think that Mrs. Norton's diagnosis is correct. I think cancer seldom attacks men of Dr. Barnum's age, and I do not think that it begins as an open sore. But I have strong hopes that Dr. Shepard has visited Harpoot. I wrote you a postal to say that Mr. Platt wrote us that his daughter Miriam had been successfully operated for appendicitis, which means, I think, that Dr. Shepard has gone to Harpoot.

I am glad that Dr. Atkinson is soon to be there.

I am sorry to report that I do not find myself so much recovered as I had hoped to be. I went down to San Diego and preached for a Seminary classmate with the result that the nervous symptoms which I had in Harpoot returned - sleepless nights, headache, and complete upsetting of the nerves.

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have therefore concluded to
main here a while longer,
nd have given up all plans
had made. I am simply
ending as much time out
doors as possible and
aiting for nature to do the
st.

as to coming East I shall
ait and see whether it is
ecessary. I feel the need for
ufference, but the first duty
to gain health and strength.
Harpoot wrote home that they were
tending to build and asked me
order roofing. I have written
em in regard to it.

Sincerely yours

C. T. Gates

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179 So. Orange Grove Ave.
Pasadena, Cal.,
Mar. 25. 1902.

My dear Dr. Barton:

Letters just received from Harpoot make it plain that Dr. Shepard has gone to Harpoot, as I hoped. He thinks that the sore on Dr. Barnum's knee is a "button" but he is not sure.

Our plans are now unmade, so that I can not tell when I will go East if I go at all. I am giving my attention now to resting and getting in condition for work. I spend the day out of doors and find it agrees with me well.

A postal from Dr. Atkinson, Mar. 7th, says that their examination was delayed by unavoidable circumstances.

Mr. Willis James is here and I have had the pleasure of meeting him once. Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Case of Chicago are here and Mrs. Gates' uncle, J.H. Moore, and his wife have just left us after a visit of two weeks.

The weather is now March like, but we are well.

Sincerely yours
C.F. Gates.

179 So. Orange Grove Ave.
Pasadena, Cal.
March 29. 1902

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My dear Dr. Barton:

Enclosed I send to you a letter from Mr. H.S. Barnum which please return to me after reading. There are other things I should like to say to you, but I will not write them. There is however one thing I want to say now. I dread returning to the clerical work of Harpoot. It is not good economy for the Board to use men who have been twenty years or more acquiring the knowledge of the languages and the experience to fit them for missionary work, in doing the work of a clerk. It is not good economy for me to again take up the round of accounts and clerical work which overlaps my strength and leaves me jaded and unfit for spiritual work. Every station of the size of Harpoot ought to have one man who would devote himself to the accounts and the business management of the Station — a business manager if you like.

It is not my purpose to drive any bargain. I shall do whatever God guides me to do about returning, but I do believe that this is one of the most important problems that can come before your committee. The lack of

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171 E. 47th. St
Chicago, Ills.
June 30th. 1902.

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My dear Dr. Barton

I arrived in Chicago Thursday, the 19th. and learned of Dr. Dwey's death. I had written to him from Colorado Springs the very day of his death. This comes very near to me for I dearly loved him.

Dr. Washburn has written to me asking that I come East and meet Mr. Kennedy. There are some things that I want to talk over with you. I think that we can get the question fairly before our own minds by conference better than by writing. If I should come on some time in July, say about the 10th. could we have such conference then? I should plan to spend only one week at the East, and I should not do any visiting beyond the purpose for which I would come, that is, to get some light on the question of my own duty regarding the call to Robert College.

We had a very comfortable journey from the West, and I find myself feeling first rate. I do now and keep cool —

Sincerely yours
C. J. Gates.

until June 30th. my address
care E. N. Wiley
171 E. 47th. St.
Chicago -

Mr Davis will be here or free July 6 12th

Dr Washburn goes to Bar Harbor 7th July for 10

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171 E. 47th. St. Chicago
July 1. 1902.

My dear Dr. Barton.

Yours of the 25th. of June came to hand in due time. Dr. Washburn wishes me to go down to Bar Harbor with him on Monday July 7th. in the morning. To do this I must reach Boston Sat. the 5th. at 9.03 p.m.

I judge from your letter that you will be away, I have written Mr. Davis that I am coming, but as I get in so late I think that I had better go to a hotel for the Sabbath and see him on Monday.

I am praying that the Lord may guide every step of the way.

Yours

C. F. Yates

JUL 14 1902 3/0.

My dear Dr. Barton

Kinnarden Lodge
July 11. 1902

Yours of the tenth is just received and I am very grateful for the warm expression of the confidence of the trustees. As I told you it was not necessary, but it is none the less pleasing.

I realize that I am placed in a very trying position. I would that it might not be necessary for me to choose between two such positions. I shall ask the friends here not to call me to Robert College if they can help it. If they do call me God must choose for me. I dare not choose.

I shall leave here monday evening and arrive in Boston early Tuesday morning 7.25.

I will come to the Rooms, but I shall hope to go on west at once.

In calling at Milton I learned, what is of course confidential, that Miss Huntington in writing home expresses her sorrow that Carey and Atkinson are not men who are fit to succeed the older missionaries and that they are especially lacking in the courtesy and refinement which characterize such men as Dr. Barnum. Their treatment of the ladies and personal manners leave much to be desired. I had heard the same thing before, but I want to call your attention to it now for the sake of

emphasizing what I said to you in regard to the need of knowing the men who go out. These are elements which ought to enter in to the familiar talks with men before they go out. I strongly believe that there ought to be an opportunity for secretaries and experienced missionaries to confer with candidates in regard to the call to the work, qualifications for missionary service; relations with the people, their associates and officers of the Board: the testimony to be given by their own lives - their manners, their dress, their family life &c. Such conferences would grow in power year by year because

you would be continually gaining new insight and new material, and I believe that you men at the Rooms would find your own ideas of what a missionary should be enlarged and clarified by frequent statement of them.

Such conferences ought to be seasons of prayer and communion with God, which would send the men to their fields in a spirit of prayer —

Are ye ready the second lesson.

Yours
Gates.

Rev. C. H. Gates
Brenden Lodge,
Rec'd Feb 11, 1902
Feb 11, 1902

JUL 24 1902

Wabaunsee, Mich.
JUL 24 1902
July 21. 1902.

My dear Dr. Barton,

I had a good visit with Mrs. Drury, and I was very glad that I went there because I think that it was a comfort to her.

I think that it would be a relief to her if you could let her know just what she can depend upon in the way of aid from the Board. She is not anxious about it, and yet the uncertainty as to what she shall do is more or less trying - Mr. Drury left no property. His father left some life insurance and made Dr. Drury one of two residuary legatees. All in all, perhaps Mrs. Drury will realize a thousand dollars or less. She hopes to find some work to do in connection with the missionary home in Oberlin by which she may be able to earn a part of her support, but this is not certain. Dianthia will graduate next year and then she will try to earn something. It has occurred

me that it would be wise for the
oard to make Mrs. Dewey an allow-
nce this year. Next year, if Dianthe's
alth permits her to go to Mardin, I should
glad to see Mrs. Dewey and Dianthe
o there, Mrs. Dewey to look after the
ome department of the girls' school as
atron and Dianthe to teach in it.
ianthe is not very strong, they say, but
should hope that she would be able to
o good work.

If she does not go to Turkey she will
robably try to find a place to teach
n this country.

I find myself very lazy since my
eturn and am doing nothing very
diligently. It took me all day to get
from Oberlin to this place, I changed
cars five times but made all my
connections. I found Mrs. Gates look-
ing very well indeed. I think the
climate agrees with her.

I want to thank Mrs. Barton for
her hospitality and especially for giving
me the pleasure of meeting Alice

over

ourne. I intended to write Mr Baker a
tter of thanks, but alas I am so
azy! This is not an excuse but a
nfession.

I turn over the question before me,
ut I have not yet faced it squarely.

Sincerely yours

C. A. Gates.

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Sylvan Beach, Wabaningo, Mich.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D. D. Aug. 1, 1902.

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Sec'y Trustees Euphrates College.

Dear Dr. Barton:

The letter of July 10th. signed by eight members of the Board of Trustees of Euphrates College, in which you express your desire that I remain at the head of Euphrates College and pledge me your support has received my careful attention.

I am well assured of the support of the Trustees in all that pertains to the welfare of the college, for I have never found them lacking. It is with deep sorrow that I write now to say that I believe the time has come for me to sever my connection with the college. I had hoped that I might upon my return to Turkey enter upon a new period of service, in which freed from the many distractions of the last few years I might give myself wholly to the spiritual and educational interests of the College. Nothing would have been pleasanter to me. I am conscious of many mistakes which I should like to rectify and have many plans which I should like to execute.

Nearly two years ago the proposition was made to me that I should go to Robert College to be associated with Dr. Washburn until his failing health should oblige him to resign the duties of the presidency of that institution into my hands. A little later I had an experience in prayer which seemed to me a call of God to me to go to Robert College, but fearing that I might be mistaking subjective impressions for God's call I prayed that if that were indeed the call of God to me, He would repeat it and make it plain, so that I might make no mistake.

I have had the matter under consideration ever since, I have taken much time for thought and prayer and have gone over again and again the peculiar needs of each institution, and I have found that the conviction was slowly formed and strengthened in my mind that this is the call of God to me. There is no escape for the Christian from the known will of God, and therefore I have come to the point where I must ask you to accept my resignation of the high trust which you committed to me.

The invitation to Robert College goes into effect at the beginning of their school year Sept 15 th., but you should at once seek a successor and provide for the coming school year, so I will ask that my resignation date from the date of this letter.

I can find no words adequate to express my deep sorrow,

Such relations cannot be lightly severed. My earnest prayers will attend all your efforts to secure some one to take up this work.

I shall spend one year in further rest and study to fit myself for the work to which I am called.

Sincerely yours

C. T. Gates.

My dear Dr. Barton, Wabaningo, Mich.
Aug. 12. 1902.

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Your letter of the 6th. instant expresses very much my own feelings. I feel as if I had been torn up by the roots and am loth to take root again. I am glad that I need not begin work at once. And my thoughts are constantly going out to the Harpoot circle. I find myself picturing their grief when they learn that another laborer has departed from their circle and, as one of them, I sorrow with them over my own departure. It is very much like performing one's own funeral rites.

I am sure that this is right because God commands it. Why it must be so, I do not, cannot know now. I can only count the cost.

In regard to the announcement of this change, I have no desire for advertisement. The less said, the better, so far as I am concerned. But I suppose that you are right in thinking that an official announcement is better than unauthorized and inaccurate ones. I have been called to the position of Vice President of Robert College with the distinct understanding that I am to succeed Dr. Washburn when he shall be obliged by failing health to resign his duties. And I have a year given to me

in which to continue my recuperation and pursue some studies which I consider necessary.

But it seems to me that any announcement should be made in such form as will be acceptable to Dr. Washburn he is the one to be considered. So I have written to him by this same post saying that I would refer you to him and asking him to write to you on this matter. If you do not hear from him soon it might be well to drop him a line.

We go tomorrow to Charlevoix, Mich where our address will be "Chicago Summer Resort" until some time in September. After that anything sent to my brother's care will reach me.

I am sure that there is nothing in the change of my place of work which need interrupt in any way our relations. I earnestly hope that it will not, for my desire is that Robert College may always work for the same purpose as the Board and I hope that you will always feel free to write to me anything

that it is in your mind to say.

My thought is to spend the coming year in Europe studying French and reading history to gain a clearer insight into the problems I shall have to meet in Constantinople, and at the same time to take exercise and build up physically. I shall be free from pressure and I think that the work I have planned will be a delight.

Mrs. Gates unites with me in sending our love to Mrs. Barton and yourself.

Sincerely yours

P. A. Gates

In regard to Carey, I do not feel sure that I know about him. My own acquaintance with him is too slight to form any intelligent opinion. Recent letters to me have spoken very highly of him. I think that it would be well to send some one to Harpoot this fall if possible, but perhaps the suggestion as to how the vacancy should be filled should come from the Harpoot circle.

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Charlevoix, Mich. Aug. 16. 1902.

My dear Dr. Burton,

Enclosed please find a letter from Ardis Samajedian in answer to mine enclosing copy of the amended constitution of Euphrates College. I do not find among my papers any copy of the last revision. I sent mine to home so it is a little difficult to comment on this letter.

His comment on Art. v seems to me to have considerable weight. Our revision says two managers shall retire every year. We might content ourselves with providing for an election every two years and leave out the clause retiring two managers. Another reason for this is that it would be hard to find two new missionaries every two years for the American contingent.

The comment on Art. vii expresses a view opposed to my proposition to have the alumni join in the election. The trustees must judge in regard to this.

The comment on Art. viii shows that he is more conservative than we in regard

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to passing the control over to the natives.

I should be willing to omit any clause but Art. VIII cannot be amended. Prof. Toumanian's suggestion would allow the Board of Managers to become entirely Armenian when they raise money enough. I think that suggestion might be passed over for the present.

I thought that his comment on Art. X was covered by that Art., if it is not perhaps a slight change might be made.

His suggestion that Art. VI be not subject to amendment seems to indicate a little fear lest we may be planning to take things out of the hands of the Union. I leave that point to the trustees.

I want to call your attention to the fact that he does not even raise the question as to the number of managers to be elected. It seems to me a very satisfactory letter on the whole.

you asked me to aid you all I can in regard to finding my successor at Harpoot. Dr. Barnum once wrote to me saying: "If you do not return can you not induce your brother to come?" If my brother Herbert would go to Harpoot, I should feel that Euphrates College would eventually be the gainer by the exchange. I have talked with him about going and he advanced some difficulties, but later he referred to the subject in such a way as to indicate to me that he had it under consideration.

His work at Chicago Seminary is good, but the trustees are trying to economize by cutting off his assistant in the library. If they do this he will not stay there. That question is pending, but it has value in my opinion only because it suggests the possibility that he may change his work.

If while things are in this condition you think best to write to him asking if he will consider a call to Harpoot, then he will have to consider whether this is not a Providential combination of events pointing him to a change of work.

He does not know that I am writing this, and I would rather that you should not mention it.

His address is Wabaningo, Mich. until Sept. 1st.

This is only a suggestion and you are free to accept or reject it.

We are enjoying this lovely place greatly and gaining strength daily.

Sincerely yours

C. T. Gates

Wabaningo, Aug. 16, 1904

Charlevoix, Mich.
Sept. 7.

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My dear Dr. Barton:

You say you want me at the meeting of the Board. I am inclined to run away, but of course I am ready to go if I can be of any service. I hope you will not ask me to make any address. I have dropped everything up here and played golf: it has done me a world of good but the idea of taking up any kind of work again seems appalling to me. I feel like the man who said that working between meals would be the death of him.

I hate to think of resigning from the Board, I wonder if I could retain my connection.

We go to Chicago this week, address me at Library of Chicago Theol. Semy, 43 Warren Ave.

Yours

C. A. Gates

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.
Boston, Mass.

934 W. Adams St.
Chicago, Ills.
Sept. 12. 1902.

SEP 15 1902

My dear Dr. Barton.

SEP 18 1902

Yours of the 9th. reached me yesterday. I have talked with my brother since my return, and I see that family considerations hold him here, and I cannot urge him.

I have letters from Harpoot this week from Dr. Barnum and Emma, which are pathetic because so full of their desire for my return and their apprehension lest I may not. Emma strongly urges that if I decide not to return some one be sent out at once. She says that her father is aging fast and her mother also has not been so well this last summer. She says: Do not let them think that the work is going on so well that it can continue three or four years until some one turns up.

I feel strongly, as you also do, that some one should go out at once. Mr. McNaughton does not seem to me to be the right man, but I do

not know him well enough to pass judgment; it might be well to seek the opinion of some one who knows him better.

The only way I can see of securing immediate relief is to invite Ellsworth Huntington to go out, not as president but as a teacher in the college. He knows the ropes and could assist Dr. Barnum at once. I know that there are objections, but he could certainly be very useful and if he were there to help the question of a president might wait a little longer. To save the feelings of Americans who are opposed to him, Dr. Barnum might be elected President pro tem and Huntington appointed as a teacher.

We ought to do everything possible to secure the right man for president, I will see you at Aberdeen and I hope I may have some

me in mind by that time. I know a good man now if he would go. His name is Day and he is associated with his father in the pastorate of the First Congregational Church of Los Angeles, California Wm Horace Day. He is a graduate of Chicago Seminary and very man a good man. I know him, but I do not know whether he would consider a call. They are building a new church and he is really the mainstay of that large church.

I will gather my thoughts along the line of educational work in missions. That is a very original subject to me.

Sincerely yours

H. Yates

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CHICAGO, Sept. 16 1902

My dear Dr. Barton:

Yours of the 12th instant came yesterday, & am willing to do all I can at Oberlin. Will Dr. Fuller or Dr. Tracy be there?

I think that you are right about not trying up any more articles in the Constitution of Euphrates College. I have no more suggestions to make.

I have one suggestion to make in the interests of the Board. I should like to see Mr. B. H. Moore appointed a Corporate member of the Board, not because he is my wife's uncle but because I believe that he would be a very useful member of the Board. He is a trustee of Beloit College, a very level headed man, and he knows Chicago well. I think that few men in Chicago could be of more help to the Board than he. He is deacon of the South Congregational Church. I do not know who will have that matter in charge, but I make the

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suggestion to you, and you can do what you like with it.

I do not hear anything of the effort to raise the 2000 L.T. which Mr. Samajochian was going to inaugurate. Do you know of any steps being taken in America?

My brother spoke to me of a graduate of Chicago Theol. Semin. who is now a pastor in Hartford. He thought him a good man for Harpoot, but I neglected to write the name.

How would Alice Brown's man do?

Yours
C. H. Yates

OCT 9 1902 3/8.

4433 Greenwood Ave.
Chicago, Ills.
Oct. 7. 1902.

Dear Dr. Barton:

Enclosed please find the memoranda which Mr. Chapin desired.

Letters from Harpoot say that by the advice of H. S. Barnum they are writing to ask Mr. Henry Riggs from Cesarea to come to their help. Can you reinforce their request. It is quite a coincidence that his name should have occurred to me while they were asking for him.

I shall be glad to get away from Chicago for rest. I will see you at Oberlin.

Yours
C. T. Gates

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.
Boston, Mass.

4433 Ironwood Ave.
Chicago, Ills.
Oct. 2. 1902.

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Dear Dr. Barton;

In regard to the matter of retaining my connection with the Board, I can see that there might be some objections, and Dr. Cox thinks it might be liable to misconstruction; so I suppose I should resign. Is a formal letter of resignation necessary or will my connection with the Board terminate by virtue of my acceptance of the new position?

A letter just received from Dr. Barnum says: "Your letter announcing your resignation has come. I had anticipated this decision somewhat, yet it almost stunned me. I do not doubt your sincerity, and we shall acquiesce in the decision, but you can understand how seriously it affects us. We are brought very low. Browne tells me his kidney trouble grows worse despite the medicine he takes, and he will not be able to tour this winter, and he must go to America next spring or summer. Knapp is rather erratic and needs restraining. Carey grows, but he is not even. He is sensitive, very, yet critical and sarcastic. Dr. Atkinson will not be a help outside his profession. May the Lord help us!" —

I find it very hard to contemplate the condi
of Harpoot; it seems as if I must go to their
relief - Only the assurance that God guided
me in my decision sustains me under
the depression of this situation.

The question now is whom can we
find to take up the Harpoot work? Hav
you any one in mind? The question has
arisen in my own mind whether Henry Riggs
who has gone to Cesarea is the man. I do n
know him at all, so I can do no more than
to raise the question, I cannot answer it.

I hope we shall have a chance to tal
things over at Oberlin. I am in doubt
whether I will go to Boston or not. I m
going to New York, and I expect to sail
about the first of November, so my day
in this country are few. I am doing
little talking here now.

Sincerely yours
C. F. Gates

Rev. C. Frank Gates, D.D.

OCT 30 1902
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Oct. 30 1902

My dear Dr. Barton,

Yours of the 29th. is just received, and I want to thank you and the Prudential Committee for the extremely kind and pleasant way in which you let us go. I do not feel that I am in any way separated from the Board, but rather that I am still a silent partner in the dear old "Concern".

I judge Miss Child must have shown you my letter to her about Miss Stone's speaking at Washington. I consider this a matter of considerable importance, else I should not make myself disagreeable about it.

In regard to the date of our

being in Boston, we shall probably arrive on the afternoon of the 5th., and we sail on the 8th. at 3 p.m.

I am getting hold of things here, but I tell you in confidence that the job before me seems to me immense. The trustees are cordial, their support is hearty, and I believe that we shall have money enough. They have sent out some good men. Dr. Washburn is very, very cordial in his expressions of affection and esteem. There seems to be nothing lacking, but all the time I keep looking for some indication as to how we may realize my one idea to make Robert College a spiritual power in Turkey. Nothing else can satisfy me, and I know that the way to attain this is simply to follow the leadings of God.

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I hope the time may come when the study and practice of the Bible may hold a leading place in the College, and it shall always have a class preparing for the ministry.

The suggestion made by Mr. Holway that there should be an English preaching service at Sofia strikes me well. I wish we could have a man in Bulgaria who would do that work and at the same time steer promising students towards Robert College. The number of Bulgarian students is falling off, and we do not want to lose our hold on Bulgaria.

We are to dine with the Trustees of Robert College tomorrow evening as the guests of Mr and Mrs Kennedy. Saturday we go to Poughkeepsie to visit the Platts, then to Boston, Wed.

Hoping to see you soon

Yours truly

C. P. Sakes.

J. L. Graf
Mardin - July 23 - 1900.

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Rev. James L. Barton, D. D.
Boston - Mass.

My dear Dr. Barton.

I herewith send you my Kindergarten report for the year closing in June.
We are indeed very sorry & disappointed to have our hopes for a helper so dashed to the ground. We had begun planning what we would do if Miss Nellie came, and now all this is impossible. Yet if she was mistaken in her calling it is much better that she found it out before coming out than later. Her father was not here when your letters came, but Mrs. Thom felt it very keenly indeed, & Doctor will be even more hurt & disappointed, for he had great hopes of Nellie.
You know our sore need, & am sure you will do all in your power to secure a young lady at the earliest possible moment - Kindergarten has been given up - we hope to have a good primary school however to be taught by the Kindergarten teacher with Mrs. Dewey's occasional super vision - I shall be left alone in the big house - I shall count the days till an associate or Miss Pratt returns.
I have not time for more now - I hope you may have

a restful vacation –

Kind regards to Mrs Barton –

Sincerely yours –

J. L. Graf –

Mandan, July 23, 1900

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Ansonia, Conn, May. 20,- 1901.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Dr. Barton;-

Your kind letter of April 26th was duly received - thank you for its words of welcome and cheer.

It seems so good to be at home again; with no responsibility and plenty of time - I try not to think of all the work that needs to be done, it being so evident that for the present it is not for me - I have been here just four weeks today. I do feel greatly benefitted by the long journey; the Lord has been very gracious to me - and I have been able to attend church every Sabbath, tho I have not attempted more. Next Sunday I may go to the missionary meeting of the C. E. society - and tell them a little of Madura endeavorers.

I have not yet heard from the Board of the Interior though I wrote early in the month.

In regard to my going to Clifton Springs - I at first

thought I should like to be there in June, but I find it hard to think of leaving home so soon again - though I should have enjoyed the missionary conference - An ulcerated tooth keeps me in a rather disgruntled state of mind - It was painful but broke off & now I can not get up courage to have the root taken out -

I am <u>waiting</u> on the Lord; but the human heart finds "waiting" hard - "But the waiting time, my brothers, is the hardest time of all," seems very true - Is it not because we want our own way too much?

I am glad to know that your prayers are being answered - How many have been praying for God does seem very near, though not all the way and He will finish what He has begun.

Doctor Hamilton of Aintab suggested a small sanitarium in Connecticut, I think it was; but I failed to make a note of it & now can not recall where it was. I think she said a Dr. Green, a lady, presided there. I find I can not be in the open air as much as I should like, (we live in a flat) but when it is warmer that may be arranged, also.

With kind greetings to the ladies and gentlemen of Prudential Committee - Yours - J. L. Graf.

Tusonia. Conn - July. 15 - 1901.

Rev. Judson Smith. D.D.
Boston. Mass.

Dear Dr. Smith -

Your kind letter of June 6, was duly received. I have been intending to write for some days past; but have been hindered - I am enjoying my rest and surroundings more every day. I have been able to attend at least one service Sundays since my arrival, & lately more - Last Sabbath took my sister's place in Sunday school & at the organ in church - I am so glad and do thank our heavenly Father for his mercy & love in restoring me so far.

In regard to going to Clifton, I had thought to go in August, but found that prices are very high during that time, and so have decided to try to go early in September, there being no urgent need for my going. It has been very comfortable here in Tusonia with the exception of several very hot days in the first week in July. Friends in Mardin write quite often, and I do enjoy their letters - even Arabic ones. I am trying to be careful and not overdo, and do not let myself worry over Mardin, etc. I am more easily worried than formerly, but I am finding what a privilege it is to carry all these worries, real and otherwise, to the great Burden bearer - Indeed this rest, the dark time I had to pass through, all I have experienced is proving a great blessing to me. I do not think I should have learned

some things in any other way. It was the Lord's means of leading me in the paths of righteousness. He has been blessing the means used for my recovery right along and I do thank Him that I may use them.

Now if you can make arrangements for my going to Clifton Springs by the first week in September I shall be grateful indeed. As far as I am able to judge I do not think it will be necessary to place go earlier. I am sleeping well - and have a good appetite - I could expect nothing more this hot weather. My teeth are not troubling me, and that is a great

I have written more than I intended, but I do not find writing a burden after once getting at it -

The thought that friends are praying for me and that I may pray for them is a great comfort -

With kind regards

I am Yours -

Johanna L. Graf

Miss Johanna L. Graf, 324.

JAN 23 1902
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Ansonia Conn.

Jan. 21- 1902.

Rev. James L. Barton - D.D.
Boston - Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton -

I have wanted to write to you congratulating you on the safe return to the "Land of the Free" I have been much interested in the news of the Deputation -

I am on the eve of my departure for the west - leaving home tomorrow - I intend stopping at Washington D.C. & St Louis - but to spend the greater part of the next two months - in Springfield Missouri

with my brother - 843 N. Main St.

I am very well now - feeling quite strong + ready to take up my work again - and am making slow but steady preparations for my return in the fall. I have been dutifully trying to rest - and have discouraged all requests for public speaking so far, though within the last few weeks have spoken twice to a circle of ladies in the home of one of the pastors here - + have a number of requests waiting for my return -

I was thinking however that as I shall be in the west for some time, where there are a number of German Cong - churches and I am able to speak in that language, if it would not be well if I should try to do something to interest them - The churches are most

numerous in Nebraska & Iowa -

Please advise me -

I am planning to return via Chicago, thus meeting the ladies of the Board of the Interior - and hope to be able to spend some weeks at the Bible College for Teachers in New York after my return - so the future is begining to take shape -

I am so grateful for the great blessing of returned health and strength - The Heavenly Father has been most gracious, and has abundantly answered the prayers of the dear friends - May his blessing rest upon you and all who have so faithfully remembered me before Him - Very sincerely yours -

Johanna S. Gray.

Miss Johanna L. Graf
Springfield Mo.

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MAR 29 1902

Mar. 24-1902

APR 8 1902

Dear Dr. Barton -

It is some time since your kind letter of Feb. 4th reached me. I have been "trying my strength" not a little since coming here - & have spoken on an average of three times a week the last four weeks; and as the pastor of the church where I spoke Feb-9 said, when he saw me last Sunday - I "seem to be growing fat" on my speaking & I do enjoy it as a usual thing - every one seems interested and audiences very attentive. My friends who have not seen me for eight years say I look stronger than when I went out.

and I think they are right, for I was rather worn with my nine years continual teaching - tho I did not realize it at the time. I have been careful to note the effect of my unusual work but with the exception of two weeks when burglars were rampant in our city and I was also speaking two and three days in succession - I have not found that it hindered my usual allowance of sleep.

I am not yet certain where my

next move will be but am hoping that it will be to some of our churches in Nebraska. I have spoken twice to our little German church here and found it not much harder than in the English language. I find the Lord touching hearts here and there often in most unexpected ways & places, and am glad that the Board will have some little sums that it would perhaps not have had but for my 'talk'.

Letters from the Mardin friends are encouraging; Miss Fenenga seems fitting in nicely - natives

writing also seem well impres
I am glad and so grateful
that I may think of going back
too, to take up again the dear
work that has fallen so flat-
The Lord had to bring me
very low, and humble me,
bring me out of myself that He
might bring me into Himself
I had to find out the utter
foolishness of man's wisdom
i.e. Christian Science - and kin
dred teachings - and am learnin
to "walk softly" before my God. I
can never be the same since my

long illness - and know it was allowed only because I needed a lesson and would not learn it otherwise. It has taught me greater distrust of self and more dependence upon my Savior - and much else -

Now I must not take up your time longer, but I thot you might like a little insight into my thoughts and feelings - Kindest regards to Mrs. Barton - Sincerely yours -

Johanna L. Graf.

Miss Johanna L. Graf 326.
Monticello, Iowa. MAY 10 1902
May 7 - 1902
MAY 13 1902

My dear Dr. Barton.

I am just sending Mr. Higgin a money order and will write a few words to go to you in reply to your kind letter of Apr. 8 -

I am just through the little tour planned for me by Dr. Hitchcock and am now resting at Monticello. It has been a great pleasure to meet all these dear friends again and I have had a very happy, enjoyable time. It is no little satisfaction to have them unanimously speak of my "looking well", and to feel so well; and that, after a nearly three month's experience in more or less hard public speaking.

I am now waiting for further orders. Some friends in Webster, S.D. have been wishing me to come to speak to them by the 13th. I have consented to go if it were

really thought important enough to undertake the long trip. If I go should remain to the Gen. Assoc. of our 140 German churches in Parkston. S.D. speaken between the Webster & the Parkston meeting in some of the more important churches. Should I undertake this however. I think I would need to abandon the plan of going back in August as I am somewhat in hopes of doing, because it would crowd me too much to do all that needs to be done, and I should again be all tired out before starting, as I was in 1894. I am really in a "strait betwe the two". Should like to go back and would also enjoy the work in the church which no one else can do. I am leaven it to the Lord to decide for me. I have a feeling that perhaps after another invigorating winter here I should be better fitted to take up the work abroad again. If I am not called to Webster shall then

go on to Chicago next week, take medical examination from Dr. Stillard, (would have taken it here from our old family physician, but the Ladies at the Rooms preferred the other) and that will decide my return, I suppose. Our Doctor here has had quite a little experience with the special nervous trouble that distressed me, and I should liked to have him make a thorough examination whether there were a likelihood of its return, or if there were any organic disorder, which I altogether doubt. Dr. Thom greatly ~~tok~~ took me to task for not submitting to an examination earlier, but there was really no call for it, and I think no one who saw my improvement from week to week thought that anything more than what we were doing was necessary.

The change, with perfect rest from all that would tend to aggravate my condition, and tonics, with the blessing of the Lord did their work. So it was not because I did not desire a physician, (for I had planned to go to Clifton Springs & put myself under treatment and not needing the services of a local doctor.) that I did not call one, but because it did never seem necessary. When I got ready to go to Clifton it proved that the missionary room was occupied and the "season" fully "on" & so I put it off & later there was still less need. Then I came out west and began testing my strength and it has stood well.

I am very thankful for the restored health and powers. The Lord has shown me much grace - and is giving me much joy in His service here and much freedom of utterance. He has lead me most wonderfully all the way and I am

becoming better acquainted with him every day. It is most restful to depend on His guidance so continually as I have been almost compelled to do since leaving the east in January. I am also already finding that the experience through which I had to pass is helping me to be a comfort to others. Praise His dear name. My "few words" have grown to many.

Cordially -

Johanna L. Graf -

c/o
Miss Hingate -
Chicago - Ill.

Miss J. L. Graf
Chicago, Ill May. 22-1902.
A. B. M. I. Rooms.

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MAY 24 1902

MAY 26 1902

My dear Dr. Barton.

Your letter of the 13th inst. awaited me here. A letter received from the A. B. M. I ladies had already informed me that they thought it better for me to remain until the Spring of 1903, & so your letter came but to confirm the conclusion.

Now that the Dennys are compelled to come home, I wish I might be permitted to go, for there is so much to be done, and yet the

heavenly Father knows all and what is best, and why He allows it all to go so. I have not had any word from Martin since March - and so the news came very unexpectedly, though from the condition that Dr. Dewey was in when I left - a year ago, I am not at all surprised - Please let me know, if it is not asking too much, when & where they are to land. I am hoping to spend the 1st of June with their daughter Dianthe in Oberlin.

I shall probably be here till the latter part of May - going on to Oberlin & from there to Clifton Springs to the Missionary Meeting June 4 - 10. and from there home to Ansonia to spend the summer. I am indeed grateful for the good health that the Lord has given me and the pleasure and joy in His service in this country. Thanking you for your kindly interest and helpful letter - I am your coworker

Johanna L. Graf.

C/o Miss Knight.

JUL 2 1902
JUL 16 1902

Ansonia, Conn, June 27- 1902.

Rev. J. L. Barton - D.D.
Boston - Mass -

Dear Dr. Barton,

I have one or two unanswered communications from you and write now to inform you of my safe arrival at home on the 18th inst. I thank you for your letters of kindly interest - You will probably have heard of my detention in New York City to be with our sorely afflicted sister Mrs. Dewey - to whom I was privileged to minister in a small way during the last few days of dear brother Dewey's life. I did not have or seek opportunity to have any communication with him, tho he seemed to know I was there, perhaps recognizing me when we thought him unconscious of his surroundings. The end came sooner than we anticipated that beautiful Sabbath day - and it was "peace". His face was very pleasant to look upon during the last few minutes before the spirit took its flight - I had rather dreaded the ordeal as I had never seen any but a tiny baby go back to its Maker - and that was many, many years ago - but there was no struggle even for this strong man as he fell asleep, only some restlessness - I was there only

the last half-hour however, as I had been asked to receive relatives, (who did not come after all) & was watching for Dr. Creegan in the great hall of the Hospital. What a source of comfort that dear man is & has been to many & many a weary missionary. The Lord reward him! and how generously the hospital treated us!! All, from good Dr. Fisher, to the chamber-maids, did their best and showed such loving sympathy for the brave, patient, whitehaired lady, "who had come so far". Mrs Dewey was wonderfully calm - and I hope no reaction for the worse has come - but she knew whom she trusted.

I enjoyed the days at Chicago Moody Institute very much - and have found, I think, the Kindergarten teacher there who will help me in planning my work in Mardin. I am expecting to spend some weeks in the fall there - later going on to speak in Iowa & Dakota; you have probably heard of the result of the months' work in Nebraska & Iowa, also of the verdict of the doctor who examined me in Chicago - (Dr. Hillard) as he was going to "tell the ladies how I was." Consequently I did not get much light. A letter from Mrs. Andrus led me also to consult the lady physician at Clifton Springs. She

did not suggest any special treatment such as the Sanitarium offered, so I did not stay longer than the one day after the meetings. She gave some advice about food & baths which I am trying to follow. She said nothing about medicine, but I have been taking a nerve tonic (which I found very beneficial last year) since coming home, as I was rather more nervous than I had been for some month's. Yet I am better than I have been for some years; sleep & eat well and am so plump as almost to alarm my mother, who has never seen me quite so before; I gained in Turkey, but was very thin last year.

I am planning for a two week's stay at Northfield, the Lord permitting, with my sister, during August. She is closely confined by office work all the year and the change will be helpful to both, I think.

I did not finish this on the day I began. It is now the 30th. Letters from Mardin, urge me not to put off return until spring because of the heat, but I think if an early start could be made & perhaps the northern route taken that might not prove so formidable an obstacle as Dr. Thom fears. Still I am

willing to do what seems best, and so far it has seemed that waiting till spring was considered so.

I must just add a word in regard to Miss Pratt. I had not heard that she was seriously considering non-return to Mardin, until I reached home. She had not written so to me & I hope & constantly pray that she may still be led to return - if so be the Lord's will. For her own sake as well as for the work's sake, I am very, very sorry if she should feel eventually that she can not go back; in essentials the one with the station & to give up one's life work for non-essentials seems too bad - especially after the experience & training service which she has had in Mardin.

Now with kind regards to Mrs. Barton -

I am very sincerely yours -

Johanna L. Graf.

Miss. Johanna L. Graf
Mardin
Received June 27, 1902
Rec'd July 2

Miss Johanna C. Graf, 329.

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Ansonia, Conn.
Sept. 16 - 1902.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton -

I have a letter from you of July 16th. which I have not answered.

I was more than glad to have been of any comfort or satisfaction to Mrs. Dewey & the friends by being with her - It would have been most pleasant for her to have had the comfort of your presence, but the Lord had very lovingly provided for her, as I think I wrote you - and quite a little group of relatives were at the station to see her off.

I have heard from her a number of times since she has gone to Oberlin. I had hoped some work might have been found for her in connection with the "Missionary Children's Home," she makes such a good "Mother" as we younger members of the station have all found. I am so glad for Diantha, that she can have her mother with her this last year of school. Now I should enjoy having them both come to Mardin later.

I am very well and happy. I thought I was, six months ago, but find a great difference in my condition since then. I have written to the A.B.M.U. asking them if they have work for me, but so far have not yet

had a reply - I am anxious to get at something - If they have no speaking tour to arrange as was partially planned last spring -, I should like to take up some special studies - first in Kindergarten - second Bible - I have made some inquiries about taking some special work in Kindergarten in Chicago in one of the "Settlement" Kindergartens; while speaking in Chicago & vicinity But of course if there is no speaking for me, it would be rather expensive to go west - tho I am anxious to attend both the Board Meetings in Oberlin & Chicago -

I had a very blessed happy ten days in Northfield; Miss Pratt was there a few days also - & I did enjoy meeting her again -

wish she might yet see it best
to return to her old field of
labor - and yet feel it a mistake
that she does not - But it must
be best as it is - and I am not
the one to question "Why?" Our
Father's ways are past finding out,
but they are always good and well
& his Will most acceptable.
I hope you have had a good rest
after your long journey in the far
east and the many speaking en-
gagements in this country.

Very sincerely.

Johanna L. Graf.

Miss Johanna Lyngh
Ansonia, Conn.

Rec'd JAN 9 1903

Jan. 7 Ans'd JAN 12 1903

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton.

It is quite a time since we met at Oberlin & stood on the platform of the station building. I had a very enjoyable time in Chicago and vicinity. The Kindergarten where I went every morning was just one as I had been looking for. The Kindergartner has studied both in New York State and in Chicago - & is a consecrated Christian. Her work is in a Mission school - among the Swedes - and very fine. To an old Kindergartner like myself it was a treat to watch her with the

in his Bible Study class - & Geo. Campbell Morgan at the McVickers' Theater - were a rare treat. Two or three appointments a week for speaking kept me busy enough - but gave opportunity to meet many friends of our beloved cause who were an inspiration to me. The stay in the Institute itself was most enjoyable and profitable - I doubt if a more earnest band of young women can be found than the one hundred gathered there. Miss Cary is a Congregationalist - (she is superintendent of the "Ames") and a fine woman. I did not find many of our denomination there - but wish every young woman, who is to go to the foreign field, or in short is to enter any religious work might spend at least six weeks in that rare but delightful atmosphere. I went, a little prejudiced - (quite accidentally last spring because there was no other place for my entertainment while in the city -) and had my prejudices most thoroughly dispelled so that I wanted to return this fall. The doctrine of Divine healing was not at all upheld - as I expected & and there was no teaching that did not seem Biblical. The daily prayers - talks & cozy evening chats were so refreshing. Miss Case a volunteer from one of our churches in Nebraska was my next

little ones - to note the reaso
why this new thing was don
and an old method taught
and used for years by myse
discarded. The simple way p
presenting religious teaching
the "Christmas story" and the
was most helpful. I am so gra
ful to the heavenly Father for
ing led me just to this pla
Miss Grimes took much interes
in my special needs and wor
and adapted her work as muc
as possible to meet them.
of her assistants sickened soo
after I came & so could not
at her post - so I could help as
well as get help. In the afternoo
& Saturday afs I attended the lectu
of the Moody Institute - Dr. Newell

neighbor at the table.
I have been at home a little more than a fortnight. How good it was to be here for the holidays, which passed very happily in spite of the secret heartache that they might be the last on earth as a united family.
Now I am planning and working for the return in June. I hope to spend some weeks in Lustgarten land and then sometime in August to go on. I understand Miss Huntington of Harpoot is expecting to spend the summer in the beautiful little republic. So it would make pleasant company and a most delightful trip to go via Constantinople &

Just one thing more - I had a short but very pleasant visit in Oberlin on my way home and found Mrs Dewey & daughter well and happy - The latter is developing into a fine young woman - with many of her fathers good traits - I do hope the Marshfield circle will give her & Mrs. Dewey a call - Drain would make a splendid head for the High School - much more after Mrs. Sanders' own heart than some others - perhaps. So refined & quiet in her manners - very unobtrusive & yet energetic & capable in carrying through what she undertakes, rather slow - & yet decisive when it is a decision arrives.

I am afraid I have wearied you, but there were some things I wanted to touch upon, and am not sure whether I shall come to Boston tho there are some purchases which might best be attended to in that city -

With the best wishes for a New Year full of blessing and the nearness of the Lord - & greetings to Mrs. Barton.

Ever, Sincerely yours

Johanna L. Graf -

and Warsaw. How I wish a
family might be found for
him. I have heard Mr. Fenen
very favorably spoken of - but
otherwise have no one in vie
though I have been keeping m
eyes open. I think the place
exceedingly hard one to fill -
many reasons - not the least
which is that Mardin has so
long had the good trio Andrus, Tho
and Dewey - that they find it
hard to bear with a new man
& he as equally hard to bear
work with them. An energetic
self reliant man, old enough to
have had experience is needed -
yet one who will not be too agg
sive. May the Lord point out & se
us the right one.

Miss Johanna [illegible]
Ansonia, Conn.

Rec'd JAN 23 1903

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Jan. 21- 1903

Rev. James L. Barton D.D.

Ans'd JAN 24 1903

Boston Mass.

My dear Dr Barton.

Your kind letter was duly received - and I was glad to hear from you so soon.

In regard to the physician's certificate - I am thinking that perhaps one made out by Dr Willard of Chicago - would answer. He made a thorough examination last year during the latter part of May - giving his verdict to Miss Wingate, I believe. I have had no treatment by any local doctor - neither did Dr. Willard give any directions for such - So none of the physicians here are acquainted

with my case.

When I first came home I used a tonic, which had been recommended highly to my father. It did me much good, with the Lord's blessing later I had expected to go to Clifton Springs as you perhaps remember but there never seemed any urgent need. Last June during the Missionary Alliance I at last visited the sanitarium, was examined by the lady physician who gave me some simple directions as to diet, salt rubs etc. which I followed with benefit. But the rest & change seem to have been the means most potent in my restoration - the "Dr. Koenig's Nerven Tonic" "Dr. Gray's Glycerine Compound" helped much. I am as well and strong as

ever was I think. Nervous to a greater or less degree I suppose I shall always be. but I have learned some things and know better how to take care of myself. I sleep well, have a good appetite. and am plump & rosy.

Should you yet desire a certificate from a local physician, will you send blanks for same. or let me know just what particulars you would like.

I may go to Chicago again in March. as the W.B.M.I has asked me to speak at some of the Branch Meetings of Iowa & Dakota.

When Boston will be visited is uncertain. but I thank you for the kind invitation to come to your home.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Barton

I remain, Very sincerely Yours.

Johanna L. Graf.

Miss Johanna P. Graf
Ansonia, Conn.,

REC'D FEB 10 1903

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Feb. 9 - 1903.

My dear Dr. Barton:

Ans'D FEB 10 1903

Please find enclosed the certificate in regard to my health which I procured at your suggestion of Jan. 25th. The examination was very brief - when I expressed my surprise Dr. said - that my whole appearance indicated good health - that of course he knew nothing of my case but what I had just told him, but that if I had gained 30 lbs. that was proof enough that the best progress had been made - (I was weighed just after leaving his office & found I weighed 133½ lbs. which is 31½ lbs. more than when I left Marion, about two years ago.) Dr. Parmelee also said that if this were not sufficient to let him know what particulars were wanted and he would try again.

I am so glad for Van and Harporto's appointments - now I hope Mardin may not have long to wait. I had rather an anxious letter from Mrs. D. last week - concerning her things in Mardin - just what is best to do about them. I think they are all right as they are at present, and until her daughter knows what she intends to do - which will not be until some months yet - and she is not ready to go immediately after finishing school. I think I wrote you that I expect to go to the West about the middle of next month - remaining until the end of April. Then shall probably come to Boston to get the rest of my outfit which is very nearly ready - & which will need to be packed there. I am hoping & believing that the Lord will give

the money for renting a suitable room for Kindergarten in Mardin, and for a new outfit of materials. The blocks & other "Gifts" that Miss Nutting brought in '87 or '88 are not in very good condition by this time - a very few have been added from time to time. I have had one gift of $15 already - all unsolicited - from a German friend in the west - so I take courage that all of the perhaps $100 needed will be forthcoming.

Very sincerely -

Johanna L. Gra[illegible]

Miss Johanna P. Lee
Ansonia, Conn.

REC'D FEB 22 1903

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Feb. 19- 1903.

Rev. James L. Barton, DD.
Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Barton-

Your letter of the 10th inst. came to hand and I was glad to know that I had passed muster and was ready to make the finishing touches to my preparations for return. Mother said - "Now you are tied & can not back out" - as though I had not right along felt that I was bound - yea His bond servant not caring nor daring to be free. Much pressure has been brought to bear from friends to persuade me that I had done my duty in the foreign field

that there was "so much to be done here", but none of these things move me. It is not easy to face the future - to think of the long years of separation after these two years of stay here - to see that the beloved parents are aging - but "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me", and has so wonderfully restored me - soul + body. I thank you for your congratulations. The way is indeed opening for me and I can not but enter. Thank you also for the addresses of the new missionaries. I intend writing them ere long. I am anticipating the pleasure of the visit in Harpoot, so much desired while in Turkey - and so near realization in 1898 - had it not been for Bitlis"

troublesome new man!! which made it necessary for Mr. A. & Dr. Raynolds to return from Ergroonn via Bitlis. The report of the Board meeting was received yesterday - I thank the members of the Board for it. I see that Mardin and its needs are especially mentioned; for which I am very thankful - we have been so much in need and short handed; it has been most discouraging at times. The work seems encouraging, for the natives are beginning to really care for education. How glad I am that I may go back! May workers and means be found to push the work as never before. We are living in a wonderful time - It is most interesting to read how workers are offering themselves - how among all missionary Boards the work is making such great strides that they are taxed to

the utmost - so that, as one missi-
ary periodical from Germany p
it - "The nets are breaking becau
of the multitude of fishes". Lu. 5
I am hoping to be in Boston I
time during May.

Very sincerely yours -

Johanna L. Graf.

Miss Johanna L. Graf 334.

Rec'd MAR 31 1903

Ansonia, Conn.,

Mar 30 - 1903 -

Ans'd MAR 31 1903

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton -

I am expecting to go to Chicago and South Dakota about the middle of next month. I have completed my purchases for the present - in fact have been purchasing when most advantageous for the past year, and so have my clothing etc - about ready. I suppose that I may have a grant for outfit as ~~usually~~ is allowed - so far I have expended about $50 - later there will be some further outlays, probably in Boston - How are refits for schools

Kindergartens provided for? Mine needs replenishing badly? It is about 6 years since Miss Nutting took out a stock - It has been added to from time to time, but the original is much the worse for wear.

Had letter from Mrs. Thom today but little news -

I hope Dr. Daniels is improving rapidly now that he is at leisure -

We had a fine meeting on "Africa" in our C.E. yesterday - I am so glad the C.E. topics are giving so much time to Missions this year - It is stirring up interest.

Sincerely -

Johanna L. Graf -

Miss Johanna L. Graf, 335.

Rec'd JUN 10 1903

Oberlin, Ohio,

June 8 - 1903.

Ans'd JUN 12 1903

Dear Dr. Barton -

Yours of a few days ago was forwarded to me by my father. I am spending a few days here with the dear friends ere going on to Ansonia and finishing my preparations for my return. I am planning to start late in July if I can get ready or then in August - If the party (Miss Wilson + Miss Norton) do not start till the middle of September perhaps August is fully early enough - You see all my relatives are in Zurich, Switzerland and I have promised them a visit if I went back; Having never seen any of them, it will be quite an event to make their acquaintance, and will be a change tho I have not had a lack of that for I have made a flying trip the past 6 weeks thro S. Dak. + Western + southern

Iowa; had a very pleasant time indeed & days that will always bring encouragement to me in Mardin, I feel sure. I met espicially the Ladies Auxiliaries who have been supporting me - and made many dear friends.

Mrs. Marden of Marsovan (?) & Mary Page Wright have been in correspondence about return, the latter thinking of going in July or a little later - also Miss Platt I understood was to return, and Miss Foreman; but all probably later than I intend to leave the homeland. I can meet as many or as few at whatever time seems best to the majority or to you; I am anxious to get to Mardin just as soon as possible, & by going the northern route we can leave earlier as far as heat is concerned, tho the new missionaries may not be ready.

I am planning to come to Boston as soon as I can manage it after reaching home, I wish the two ladies were ready to leave

America the first days of September for it will be the end of October before I reach Marding, & six weeks of school year gone!

I am very well; and anxious to get to my work - The thought of leaving home is hard, much harder than it was the first time, however; how I wish there need be no goodbyes.

The dear father and mother are well and quite willing I should go; but the only sister is much opposed to my going back.

How long will you be in Boston? I should like to meet you much if it is practicable - but vacations are beginning.

Miss Dewey is looking well, better than I have ever seen her - I admire her more, the longer I am acquainted with her; & though she is at the end of her college course she seems in splendid physical trim. She is to teach

in the Endeavor Academy the coming year - Endeavor, Wis. but has her heart set on going to Mardin in a year or two.

Mrs. Dewey is to be Matron at the same institution, but with almost no remuneration above her home & board.

Pardon this long letter - it is well I do not write often - you would have no time to read.

Very sincerely Yours -

Johanna L. Graf.

Johanna, D. Greg. 336.

Sail. Aug. 8 — Rec'd JUL 14 1903

Holland. Am. Zeeland L-Antwerp

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Ans'd JUL 16 1903

Boston. Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton -

I have secured passage on Steamer "Zeeland" Red Star Line, sailing August 8th - and secured my passport - for which I am writing to Dr. Creegan about its visiting.

So the plans for my journey are progressing nicely - as Miss Wright and Riggs will probably go via Zurich my mother's native city.

Can you at this early date let me know if Miss Rice expects to go to Syria this fall and with our party? If so she can have part of my stateroom - No 308 - which was secured at $45 a berth - and will probably be reserved for me alone, if she

does not go.
I met Miss Wilson, but that is about all - liked what I saw of her she does not look as old as Mary Daniels wrote she was - however.
Please let me know what route Miss Wilson & Miss Norton are to take for I should like to join them ere they reach Constantinople as I do not care to go the overland route unless it is absolutely necessary to Constantinople.
I shall also have at least two more boxes to be shipped from Boston - as I shall not need to take them with me on the continent. One will be books - Are the rules more stringent at present than they have been, and would it be advisable to mail some books, (I have no controversial ones) rather

han risk their loss? Like Butlers
Bible work, one vol. & Porrey's "What
the Bible teaches," and some other
Bible study books which I am very
anxious to have, and yet they are
quite large to send by post.
Was much surprised to hear of Mr.
Swett's resignation; we missionaries
shall miss him I am sure - He always
served me well in all my varied
wants; there will be quite a change
at the Congregational House by fall -
with Dr. Daniels & Mr. Swett not in
their accustomed places.
When ought I to have my boxes or
trunks ready - could they go with
the other ladies' on ship board?
or will they go as freight?

How warm it is!!
I enclose letter to Mr. Higgins; will you please see that it reaches him. & save me two cents!!

Very sincerely –
Johanna L. Graf –

Ansonia, Conn.
July 10 – 1903.

Miss F. L. Graff
Ringgenberg, Switzerland,
Aug. 25 - 1903.

ANS SEP 5 1903

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My dear Dr. Barton.

ANS SEP 10 1903

It is time that I were giving you some account of myself. I have been on the "go" since the 8th inst. and am just settled in this small "Pension" with my cousin who is much in need of rest.

I left Miss Wright and Miss Riggs at Frankfurt, they going to Dresden, and I to Zurich. How beautiful Switzerland is! and how we enjoyed the journey together! The days in Antwerp, Cologne & ~~down~~ up the Rhine will never be forgotten. The scenery along the latter was much finer than I had expected, and beyond expression or description. It must be seen to be understood.

My relatives were there to meet me at

Zürich, and so I was with my relatives for the first time, but felt at home soon. They had had much stormy weather in Switzerland and had greatly worried over my ocean voyage, which was very pleasant and the best I have yet had - The waves were high for two days, showing that a storm must have been raging somewhere, but I was able to be down in the salon every meal.

Now I am resting for the next ten days in this beautiful spot in the Berner-Oberland; at the foot of the hill lies the beautiful lake of Brieng stretching like a blue ribbon between the hills - at our back is a long chain of hills now crowned with mist while opposite rises one, snow capped. This hotel is new, & everything clean; food very simple but nutritious. We take care of our own rooms, & pay $3.00 a week, the guests are few but very congenial

The beautiful wall tents - that great one giving a sense of rest and safety that I have not experienced elsewhere.

The Lord has led us very gently and beautifully - but only a step at a time. The friends, left in Frankfort, leave today for Vienna & thence to Constantza hoping to be in Constantinople for Sunday.

I am hoping to hear from Misses Wilson and Norton so that I may meet them. Please inform me if you know definitely when they are to sail etc.

My address is C/o Mr. John Hasler
128 Zweier Strasse,
Zurich III W.
Switzerland.

Now with kind regards to Mrs. Barton, the ladies the rooms, and hoping you have also had a restful vacation I remain, Sincerely Yours J. L. Graf.

Miss Johanna L. Graf, 338.

Gedik Pasha – Oct 5 – 1903.

Rec'd OCT 19 1903

Ans'd NOV 14 1903

My dear Dr. Barton –

I am sure you will be interested to hear of the safe arrival of myself & the two ladies who were to meet me "somewhere – perhaps Constantinople."

After a delightful time in Switzerland and not hearing anything of my friends I felt impelled to take steamer sailing the last week in Sept. and accordingly obtained ticket through Cooks Agent, but too late to catch the steamer at Trieste. So had to take train to Brindisi & after two days & two nights of most uncomfortable travelling was greatly rejoiced to find Miss Wilson standing at the coupe door of the train a few hours ride from Brindisi!. They had also changed their route coming from Naples & so we met & had a most happy

time on ship board where we had new proofs of the care of our all wise loving Father in that we were able to secure a cabin together and that after the ship was already declared "full".

We are expecting to go on at least within the next ten days, if not sooner; plenty of travelling companions being ready to go at different times within that time. "All things have worked together for good" so far - and I am now anxious to get on & take up the work in Mardin.

Things seem quiet here -

Miss Daniels is detained at Marsovan by a sprained foot, as you probably know; the rest of the Harpoothis must have passed us on Saturday night, this side of Athens.

The missionaries here seem well and have plenty to do. I am now at the

Bible House where I hope to get more information in regard to our journey into the Interior.

Very sincerely yours and with kindly greeting to the ladies at the Congo House —

I remain

Johanna L. Graf.

Miss Johanna L. Graf 939.

Rec'd NOV 21 1903
Ans'd FEB 17 1904

My dear Dr. Barton.

We are here in good health and enjoying our stay of two days immensely. This is the first place that I have thought I should like to be in as a worker besides Mardin - If Harpout is anything like Marsovan, I do not wonder they & Marsovan can get helpers so much more readily than we.

We had to spend two weeks in Constple wish one of them might have been transferred to this place, for the two days have been altogether too short for Miss Wilson and me.

Miss Wilson is a splendid traveller and enjoys almost everything hugely; even the roughest part of the road has so far had no terror for her, which I

I am more apprehensive, lest the wagon tip over.

We have been quite well, with the exception of a cold that fastened itself upon me the last few days in Constantinople but Dr Carrington has treated it very successfully.

After waiting in vain for word from Miss Wilson in Zürich I at last decided to come on alone and accordingly started off toward Brindisi & en route was most unexpectedly joined by my two lost companions. Miss Norton we left in Corfu hoping to go on with a brother of Dr. Usher, and an old lady.

Miss Daniels had also sufficiently recovered from her sprained ankle, was brought to Samsoun by good Dr. Riggs who waited

for us. How good it was to hear just as we were leaving the Bible House for the French steamer that Dr. R. had decided to wait. Miss Daniels spent the night with me at Gedik Pasha, so we had a much longed for visit, for I had not seen her since 1894! She was hoping to come on to America soon.

All is quiet in the interior. We go on with an interpreter, a zaptieh & Sarkis the cook from Harpoot; so we will get along all right we hope.

With kind regards to Mrs. Barton and greetings to the friends at the Congl House—

I remain very sincerely yours—

Johanna L. Graf.

Marsovan—Oct. 26.

Miss Johanna C. Graf
Mardin, Turkey. Ans. 340.

Rec'd APR 13 1904

Mar. 14-1904.

Ans'd MAY 4 1904

Rev. James L. Barton, D. D.
Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Barton:

It has been on my mind for some time to write to you, but there have been various reasons for the delay, the most foremost I think that I was so disappointed about not having money for my work; and because of the great lack of time.

I have been putting much time and strength into the translating of a book as "Kindergarten Guide" and of songs for the Kindergarten; today we have begun afternoon sessions in school. Our room is in the compound until I can occupy the room in the city which has been rented by the community for the coming year; so quite a step has been made forward - for they are to provide 7 liras for the rent and improvements on the house.

Some small chairs made in the Swiss Orphanage have just been put into the school and add much to its looks, and comfort. We are still asking but the 2 pesetas for tuition; it nearly covers the expense for materials, the teachers salaries are all from the Board as yet. We therefore was so much disheartened when our appropriations came and no provision for a Kindergarten. I had fortunately received personal gifts so that I could begin, and hope that other provision will be made for the remainder of the year. by the sale of handkerchiefs I earned about 25 dollars which has helped to buy materials.

But another point that makes one downhearted is the lack of missionary work here. Those who are here are so over-worked that they get too tired to be good - and consistent. We do need at least four workers right away; a young man to work into the school - and relieve Mr. Andrews who is very nervous. I do not think

it need be an ordained man or even a theological student, though of course that would be better since we teach a theological class from time to time, but he ought be a first class teacher - whatever else he is.

Then we ought to have touring missionaries - what is there to hinder Miss Potts & Mr. Larsen's return? I have tried to agitate the question here, but am afraid there is not the right spirit among us; personal feelings are allowed to weigh too much, and these old workers are not recalled. Both Mr. Andrews & Dr. Thom say that Miss Pratt has been invited to return, and declined, but I think the conditions were not fair; she is quite well now, and how much she would do if she were here! I have perhaps written you my conviction before, that the Lord would not honor us with new workers

till we were willing to give up in ref
to the old workers. but as long as we we
dictate to the Lord he can not do anyth
for us. We need the prayers of the membe
of the Board very very much; that we m
be united in brotherly love; that we ma
be Spirit-filled. We do miss Dr. Dewey's pr
ence among us greatly. He seemed to be
balance wheel here, and the equilibri
um seems to be lost since he went.
Mar. 21- Your favor of Feb. 17 came today
and I am so glad to hear of the con-
tinued interest of the German churc
es; I have seen by the donations in Missi
ary Herald that they are contributing. They
did nicely when I spoke to them, and
with but one exception a collection wa
taken, in the majority of cases for Mr
Grafe' work in Turkey; so you can see
how hard it was to find myself left
without any funds after having turne
in all these gifts to the W. B. M. I. who
were paying my travelling expenses.
I shall try to write the article for

which you ask as soon as possible.
I was also interested in the letter
to Mr. Andrus, about help from Amer-
ica - What has become of Mr. Ellis &
his fiancee Miss Case of Chicago? I
met the latter and liked her very
much - Mr. Ellis I did not have the
opportunity to see. I understood that
they had some thoughts of coming to
Turkey when the young man should
finish his theological course.
The "reserves" were called out some three
weeks ago, and of course fled - as is the
custom here, so that only about half
the required number of Hands was brought
in and supplied with ~~suits~~; yesterday
they were again released - just what
the reason for the call has not been
ascertained, perhaps a military manoeuvre
School goes on very nicely - we enjoy the

big yard and fresh air, flowerbeds and trees of the compound, and shall be very sorry to go into the city. We are so quiet and undisturbed here.

My father writes of the great pleasure of meeting Mr. Browne of Harpoot who spoke in the Congl. Church at Ansonia and Shelton, Conn. I am so glad he came to call on father as the latter was not well enough to go out to hear him.

Now with greetings to the Prudential Committee, and especially to Mrs. Barton -

I am very sincerely yours -

Johanna L. Graf -

REC'D MAY 21 1904

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Miss Johanna S. Haf
Mardin, Turkey, Asia.
Apr. 18 - 1904.

ANS'D OCT 7 1904

Rev. J. L. Barton, D. D.
Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Barton.

Yours of Feb. 17th is at hand & I will try to comply with your wish for a contribution to the German leaflet on German workers of A. B. C. F. M. I see by the Missionary Herald that our churches are contributing as never before & I am glad to see the progress. Personal gifts also show the interest. I had one letter by this mail from a gentleman in S. Dakota in whose home I spent a few hours one Sunday, and who sent me some money to get a Christmas present for the poorest children - and promises to do so again next year but adds "if there is any thing I can help about let me know before that time and I will send by

return mail."

I think the idea of leaflets is very good for our Germans, the older people, do not read English so readily, especially the women. Our German church paper "Der Kirchen bote" published in Michigan City and the Sunday School paper "Die Segens quelle" are a great help. I have written for the former several times, and have a request from the latter now. I write, and father revises and corrects - then forwards. He often translates articles from "Missionary Herald", "Mission Studies", "Dayspring" & "Life & Light" for the German papers mentioned above.

I hope the long hard winter is over at last. With us it also was long but not severe - We had a snow storm yesterday but the flakes melted as soon as they touched mother earth, but we need fires still, and have used much wood for fuel. Our people are doing finely - They are learning to give - They have sent help to Erzroum amounting to several pounds - and six pou

were subscribed for work in Kurdistan a week ago, and two houses for school rented in Mardin. Our pastor's sermons are growing more helpful - the number of women learning to read is ever on the increase, and the women's meetings well attended; more than 150 gather in the different wards each week, many of them from the Syrian Community.

My Kinder-garten work grows more enjoyable every day - I am daily thankful for the ideas received in America during my furlough, and the children enjoy the school, I think. I am trying more than ever to keep one aim in view - that is - to "develope a Christian character in every child."

We have two more weeks in our present quarters and then shall move into the rented ones - the children and teachers too will be sorry to leave the garden beds and the pleasant yard of the Compound.

Mr. Larkin's return is still under consi-
ation - I hope it will be decided to sen
for him, but neither of the gentlemen
favor the idea; yet it is very plain we
need some one (to put his shoulder to th
wheel) that has some idea of the work
not an entirely inexperienced person.
Mr. Andrus is greatly overburdened, the
work, taking him into the evening hour
and the orphans; and endless callers! leav
him no time for recuperation. He has nuc
headache. Mrs. Andrus too, is more frail th
ever - tho she keeps the seniors in two studi
but she gets too tired with even so little
Miss Fenenga is not as strong as she seemed
to be, and can endure less than when sh
first came out. I think she feels the isolat
much more than any one else of the mis-
aries - We hope the young people you hav
in mind are just the right ones for the pla
We need a good head for the school - some on
who could live in the school yard would
be the best - now they are in a yard
by themselves and do not have the neces

pary supervision because our force is inadequate and you know how natives will do - when responsibility is left with them. We are trying very hard to get pupils to do or pay more for their schooling - and I have made a rule that I will take no pupil entirely free into the Kindergarten. So I am put to my wits end to know how to find work for some who can not pay.

Mr. Riggs told me he had the same difficulty in Harpoot - We did enjoy his visit and Mr. Cary's very much, also Dr & Mrs. Nash some few weeks ago -

The Government has come down on the Plymouth Brethren and forbidden them to hold meetings, so they are considering joining with our community.

Now this is a long letter from me - I hope Mrs. Barton is very well - We hear from Mr. Browne and his work thro Harpoot.

Miss Daniels also reports herself well.
I am very well and busy — wish the d
were longer and my strength greater
so much has to be left undone.

With special greetings to Mrs. Ba
and the friends at the Congregation
House —

I am very sincerely yours —
Johanna L. Graf.

Miss J. Louise Graf 342.

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Mardin, Turkey, Asia

June 27 - 1904

Ans'd OCT 7 1904

Dr. James L. Barton -

Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Barton: -

Your favor of May 4th reached me in due time and I am so glad that the Kindergarten is to have support. I am a wee bit, nay more than a wee bit, disappointed that the W. B. M. I could not fulfil its promise given me a year ago to find the support I then asked for, especially as half of it had been promised certainly. I am therefore very grateful to the Womens Board for their help and interest and will write them soon.

I think that you will find that you are mistaken in what you wrote of the estimates; for Dr. Brown showed me a copy & they had certainly put in the item for Kindergarten, and so were not

omitted from our estimates but from the appropriations.

We are very happy in our new quarters in the city - wish you might step in and see us; two girls are in training, one expects to go to Bagdad - the other to take up the work here.

In regard to the German leaflet I had just sent a sketch such as I thought would fill the request which came earlier & so did not write the brief sketch of myself and work as this last letter suggests. If you would still like it I have asked my father to supply it.

We are planning to write to Mr. Emrich as soon as the rush is over - Commencements are past - and now come the lower school examinations, and Kindergarten close. We wish he had chosen some other than a German university for his final preparation. No word from Mr. Larson as yet; how much we need a touring missionary the letters from our villages show.

With greetings to yourself & Mrs Barton

Yours [illegible] Good.

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Mardin - Turkey - Asia -

July 30 - 1904.

Ans'd OCT 7 1904

My dear Dr. Barton -

I send you herewith the report for the Kindergarten. We close only a fortnight ago - but next year I think we shall plan to have the close in June - as it makes reporting so late and children have sore eyes - and are detained from school later. We have had a happy year or rather half-year - and hope to do better next year - We have taken in an average of 40 piastres a month - I hope to be able to pay, for material at least, from tuition not many years hence - tho the people are not growing richer - One good man, a weaver, told me he earned 2 piastres a day - He sleeps on our roof, to watch the house, and I know he leaves mornings an hour before sunrise (4. A. M) and goes to work and comes home at sunset, not even stopping to leave his loom for his

lunch!! formerly he earned 10 piastres in the same number of hours! I do not know what the many weavers are to do.
I am writing to Miss Lawson also.
I am hoping to train enough Kindergarten so that we can start a branch school in the other end of the city some day. We are able to reach so few now. Diarbekir is asking for a Kindergarten, but that is under the Harpoot-field so I have put them off. When Miss Platt returns - she may be able to help them - the Syrians were especially anxious I understood.
I have not written to Mr. Emrich, but hope to do so ere I go to the garden: all but Doctor and my self went about three weeks ago - Mrs. Andrus has been quite unwell for some days - indigestion - and not being able to eat has failed rapidly - but is on the mend now - I am glad to say - Mr. Andrus, also is much over-weary. Oh we do need help so much!
Perhaps you know that your letters are generally shared by the whole station so I send the one to Mr. Andrus in regard

to Mrs Dewey and her daughter. Although we are in such need of helpers - there seems to be a reluctance on the part of the missionaries to call new ones - Just what the explanation may be is hard to tell. Whether it is hard for older workers to see the reins slipping into other hands, or because the past relations with new missionaries have not been always the happiest - but it is a fact that there has been a great reluctance shown. Doctor said "we have enough" - and yet he much needs a nurse from abroad. We ought to be training natives in the care of the sick; and other hospitals in this country are taking up this work. Then we much need another young lady to look after the six schools in the city and those of the near villages - If Miss F. tried to do it - her own work must needs be neglected - Mr. Andrus tried to carry it on with our pastor as assistant but found it just so much too much of a burden. He put me in as helper out my school was new - with no experienced assistants and I simply could not do it - I would visit the two in the wards

where my weekly woman's meetings
me - but the rest I did not even e
Yet as these are feeders for the High sc
they need missionary supervision. Th
the need of touring missionaries can ne
be emphasized enough - If you had b
in our Corporation Committee meetings for the p
few months you would have no doub
on that matter - Our churches so pla
shew the lack of systematic visits - b
the missionaries. I do hope Mr. Larkin
will accept the call - I think he ha
grown wiser and more mature and
that he will do excellent work a
an evangelist and touring missio
aryin our field. We have been pray
Miss F. and I, for months that his coming
might be brought about; for we do need
just such a worker. If Miss Dewey cou
be appointed it would be a fine thi
She could take the singing in the
schools, for one thing, and then the co
of these city schools. Some studies in
High school - English for instance - as Mr

drus' strength fails. It often seemed more than she could do to carry the two classes that she had, the past winter, and spring - yet what a splendid teacher she is! Her nearly forty years of experience make her advice most valuable and the young women who are fortunate enough to sit under her teaching are indeed to be congratulated - Her knowledge of the Bible is something at which I am continually astonished; but the English is a bore to her - of which she would be glad to be relieved -

Now I do not want to give the impression that I am grumbling - only I would like to have you see our situation here as I see it - how greatly we are in need of helpers - not one nor two - but fours.

Our work has grown in the last

where we would

decade - especially in the city; and I think the field work would have kept pace had we been able to oversee it - In city We have seven schools instead of the three, ten years ago; we have three Bible women instead of none at that time & they also need some one to lead and help them - my heart often aches for them and before the removal of the Kindergarten to the city I used to study twenty-minutes a week with one of them - but that time is now needed for the going to the city to my work - We have two orphanages - where we had none then - Yet we are five missionaries less than we were eight years ago!!! How I miss those workers I can not tell - Mr Dewey's loss we feel more and more keenly as

the days come and go.

I am afraid I have wearied you - please pardon if such is the case -

With kind regards to Mrs. Barton and yourself -

I am, most sincerely yours

Johanna L. Graf.

"Please hand the enclosed prospectus to Miss Lawson - It was just too heavy for another letter - also the order to Mr Homer.

Aug 1st. To my great joy the last post brings a letter from Mr. Larkin saying that he is "anxious to come" "His health being the main question" How we do need him.

I attended examination of our war school today and looked after planting my "summer school" for the little folks but I do not intend to look after it. There are two more examinations to attend & then I go to the garden but the vacation is fast slipping by.

Mardin - Turkey - Asia

May - 8 - 1905

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Ans'd SEP 6 1905

Dr. James L. Barton -

Boston - Mass.

My dear Dr. Barton.

I am so glad that more and more the prospect brightens that we are to have reinforcement in more adequate numbers. I have been praying much that help so much needed might be sent, and felt that to hear only the new workers were to come would be more than I could bear, tho their coming will be a great help and inspiration, I am sure. The city work alone is too heavy for us here - falling as it does on one or two who have their own occupations enough to fill time and strength. Even such near villages as Monsuria only ½ hours distance have not been visited. We start schools but no missionary ever coming to them the progress is usually very slow, and the result unsatisfactory. Such has been the case since 1895. The High Schools take much of the time of their Principals as they should - but when Miss Fenenga tries also to superintend three Sabbath schools in succession - besides her regular evening lesson with her pupils - is it a wonder that her high spirits and splendid strength begin to fail her? Our married ladies can do almost nothing outside of the compound - Mrs. Andreas is growing very feeble, but gives valuable services in the school - also Mrs. Thom. But her family cares and orphan work are adequate to fill her time.

If our city schools were all close together we should find it hard work for one to superintend them - but being in remote parts of the city one nearly 3/4 of an hour the other 1/2 an hour from the mission premises while three are not far from the Kindergarten and so are more easily reached by its director to whose share their supervision has fallen. The task is a very hard one. Our teachers are always new recruits - too.
Add to the above industrial work for Friday afternoons and for pupils or parents who can not pay cash for tuition - (& the many calls of duty that here is not time to fill them) - and the Junior & Boys Society & Sabbath school, two of which are superintended & the third planned for each Sabbath and do you wonder that Sabbath evening finds your missionary too tired to read, and glad to lie down from utter exhaustion.
We have had a fortnightly Teacher's meeting this year & I wish you could have heard an essay on "Faithfulness in the Teacher." by one young lady whose work shows she practices what she preaches.
Are there no second hand discarded books on teaching to be found in America which could be sent to our stations for the use of our young people who are just now getting able to make good use

them in English. We need some such books very much.
I am glad the Board has decided to accept the gift of Mr. Rockefeller. This part of his wealth has certainly been returned to Him who says the "Gold and the Silver are mine" and so is in the hands of its rightful Owner. He can bless it and use it for His glory - tho the blessing may never rest on the giver, perhaps

It is 10:30 P.M. and I must not weary you more but to plead most earnestly not to disappoint us in the sending out of at least four workers this fall. If Mr. Larkin should be able to come it would be none too many - but I do hope & pray that Dionche & her mother will come.

With kind regards to Mrs. Barton,

I am sincerely yours —

Johanna L. Graf.

P. S.

Is the money given by Mr. Rochefeller at the disposal of the Prudential Committee to be used where they indicate, or does the donor specify each place? I understand it to be the former and would like to ask if it could not be applied to building us a Kindergarten and primary room here - costing about $800 reckoning the grounds & buildings there on.

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Mardin, Turkey - Asia.

July 17 - 1906.

Dear Dr. Barton -

Enclosed please to find the report for the school year Sept. 1905 to June 1906 of our Kindergarten.

We have been greatly blessed in our work this year and I have much enjoyed my work. With new books much needed, and new materials, and an ever increasing knowledge of the language, the work has been most interesting. My training class has taken much time and I am so glad that some of the work in the other schools could be shifted to the shoulders of Mrs. Dewey and her daughter. I have lent them a hand now and then, but my work has been chiefly in the Kindergarten, and with the exception of the few weeks of absence in the Diarbekar villages and my enforced idleness for five weeks after New year - I have been able to be in the school on an average of four half days a week. The forenoons were spent with the training class and in preparation for them and the Kindergarten. Monday I have for a sort of respite day as Saturday and Sunday are so full of their own duties. Saturday has its Sunday School meeting when we prepare the lesson for the Sunday School of the coming Sabbath in a near village. Seven young people have been going to Monsurea with me.

They have faithfully kept up the Saturday meetings and the interest in the school deepens. We began with about forty and the attendance has been above one hundred; now for some Sundays it has been about seventy. We are using the Blakesly Primary Teacher.

The Sunday school in the City - Miss Steele kindly took on my taking up this school in Monsureh, but it is again in my care now. We are keeping it up during the hot weather. Our Junior C. E. held it last meeting a week ago and closed with a social last Thursday. My Boys Bible Class finished the "Life of Christ Course" and are to have a little rally this week and then I hope to go to the garden where Mr & Mrs Emrich and Mr. & Mrs. Andrus are already rusticating.

The Thoms with Miss Penenga hope to go to Diarbekir Thursday - they have been delayed some because of the caravan animals not arriving at the time promised. We shall miss them all much.

Wish you could see our fine station baby - Philip - he is growing sturdy now, and is a great comfort to some of the aunties as well as to his parents.

We are to have special meetings this week for the church to be ready for Pastor Habeb Subhiya

from Aleppo who is to take the pulpit during the absence of our pastor in some near villages.
The city schools have all had their examinations and are now having Vocation School - one half day study and one half day hand work, especially for the girls. It is most difficult to find it for the boys.
Hoping that this find yourself and family in good health - and wishing you a pleasant vacation -
I remain

Most sincerely yours -
J. Louise Graf.

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J. Louise Graf
Madan - Mar. 18 1908.

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My dear Mrs. Thom.

I was so glad to get your good letter of January 27 - on Feb. 24 - It did my heart good for somehow I am often very lonely and heartsore, and your kind words helped me. I do wish you were here indeed! How far away America is! I am in a strait betwixt two - My heart turns with a great longing at times to come home to America and be at home with my father who desires it so much & at times when things go hard and misunderstandings come ~~and~~ it seems as tho I could not stand it. On the other hand I see so many needs, and much that I can do after the years of preparation for the work chosen, that I can under no circumstances see my way clear to leaving for some time

to come, ~~and~~ Tho my mother has been gone three months yet have I had no reply to my first letter home after the sad event. This serves to show how far apart we are!

I too have been feeling that I needed more love - and it has been my prayer for many weeks. I do feel a compassion and love for the natives, and it is a pleasure to minister to them, but it is less easy to love the missionary circle as I should like, and some on whom I had been leaning have proved a disappointing prop. We are less united and each one seems to be pursueing his own line of work irrespective of the rest so that the word "co-workers" has really little right among us.

Mother Dewey grows more and more dull and engrossed in herself - her pets - and her own affairs. Often unless I make an especial effort we spend a meal in al

most utter silence, most depressing to me, so that I want to run away. I have my dinner at the Andrus', and it is a more cheerful meal. You will probably get a letter from Mrs. D. by this post. She has been looking for one from you for some time, and has been disappointed. The post has been late for some time each week so that the outgoing mail precedes it, and it is hard work writing letters under those conditions.

It is still cold, but the crocuses and irises are out, and Dorotha brought some wild almond blossoms and Johnny-jump-ups from the Kalaat Mizza road. I suppose you know that we have sent Anna Jusef to Nisibin and Julia Manather to Kalaatin her place. Dorotha goes over each Sunday.

Mrs. Emrich is not well today - having had some trouble with her stomach and bowels all last night; she is look

ing forward with great pleasure
the coming of her little treasure and
ly awaits the arrival of Dr. Ward. He
now in Harpoot, as we hope. He and
wife to judge from the letters are
very sensible people.

We are keeping up our training w
as best we can; Esleem is hardly a
to grasp the mental work - She is
quick to act, or speak, without thi
ing. This shows itself in all the work
does - Her hand work too is poor - o
Julia Jurji of Mosul who has had n
High School training does such poo
poorer work in everything - and the
is this lack of thought. In her music
would really do well if she would
centrate herself, but she puts her
gers where she supposes they ough
go instead of first finding out
proper notes. I do not know wheth
she will get enough to justify our

diploma this spring. Sadie and Werda and Fahima are doing very good work and Nyjs Risco is an earnest little body too. Eslem is not young, so it is not that which is at fault. but she is shallow, and easily influenced.

Sadie substituted in the Mar Shmooni school last week and was quite happy to get back to her old pupils and to have a change. She is profiting by her training and I think it is worth while to have worked with her.

Sterges failed in several studies and has dropped out of school taking only Bible. Mrs. E. hopes that she may prove a worker for her in the Lake work in the days to come; but she wants her to fit herself in Bible especially, and N. does not seem to care to do that having been told by one who ought to know better that she does not need to take Bible.

I do not think she has any liking for school teaching, for the days she substituted for her sister Lucy she found it most irksome, and said she did not see how Lucy stood the children. Her Arabic also is very poor and Lucy said she did not want her to teach on that account as people would laugh at her language. In Bible she is more ignorant than any girl that has gotten into the second class ought to be. Yesterday she went down to Monsoorea with me and could absolutely tell the children nothing about "Jacob's wrestling with the angel" the review lesson but proceeded to study it up before her class. So I sat down and talked it to them, after which she went on with the lesson for the day. "Joseph being sold." Miriam her sister is doing finely. You know she was my mother's girl, for

more than 10 years.
The church trouble is quieting down; yesterday they elected new officers, & it passed off quietly. We sit in our own seats again and the organ is again used - being played by Dianthe or myself. The pastor had been ill for some days - and so did not preach for two Sundays - but was in the pulpit last Sunday. M. Abraham of Darkei has been here more than two weeks - Last Thursday they observed the day of Prayer in the Boys' School; I have not heard how satisfactory it was. On Tuesday we had a children's meeting led by him for my Junior Society & any of the pupils of the city schools who cared to attend. He gave us a very good talk "What God says to children - "St. John's First Epistle". Yesterday I asked how many could give points and quite a number could.

Friday we went to call on M. Ja
family - for Nejib had sent for his wife
Melkie left Speer & she left Saturday
By the way that reminds me of som
thing that has troubled me of late
i.e. the Sunday travelling is on the in
crease - Agnes came a few weeks ago
and was on the road from D. here on
Sunday - Melkie started for D. on
Saturday - Anna Josef going to Nisib
was started off Saturday and got there
Sunday A.M. & so it goes. Our high ide
are slowly giving way - and little
foxes are slipping in trying to spoil
the vines.

It is now several hours since I wrote
the above; have had my lesson with the
girls and gone to ride and had my din
ner & am waiting for station meeting wh
Mrs. D. has asked to be called tonight
consider her going away for attending
some necessary business matters and her

We just heard that Azmeh Esa has been asked for by one of the Sharistan Bays (that rich house in the Mudbazar) and that a tel was sent yesterday (Sunday!) to get her father's consent as all the relatives here approve of the arrangement. The young man has not been willing to marry as he did not take to any of the girls they had picked out for him, but saw Azmeh at Melkie Sonnoo (who lives just across the street) and evidently fell in love with her.

Poor Abdallah Gorea is having a terrible time with his bigoted old father and mother & sisters and they treat him very very shamefully. The old man told him he must become a Syrian and a priest at that or else he would have nothing to do with him. He has taken what little money he had from his son, and given out work to strangers but has left the son all winter without work and made his life bitter. I am so sorry for him; it is certainly a

a lifting time for him, and M
— I have just come back from a
meeting, and "voted that half the e
penses of Mrs. & Miss Dewey be paid
ront for medical work on eyes an
But I must close now because
work for my girls tonight.

I engaged the "Program" or what
is called of the Jewish Temple th
told me about. It is interesting t
how the Jews are also conforming t
modern ways of worship.

We have our annual business
ing of the Junior C. E. tomorrow
I had much hoped that Mrs. Ew
would be able to take it this yea
is always more or less a source
ble to me from some certain quarter.
I have been quite well for some tim
unable to attend three services on
day. If things would only go smoothly
easy work would be. Love to you & Dr. & Kat
J. Lonie

Rec'd NOV 26 1906
Ans'd JAN 25 1907

Mardin Turkey - Asia

My dear Doctor Barton.

I am sending you a copy of our quarterly letter and hope it will contain something of interest for you. We are all hard at work and sometimes the loads seem just a little more than enough. Each one has just about twice what he ought to do, but what can we do. The field is indeed white but the laborers few as ever.

My Kindergarten 75 and training class for the same, need all the time one woman ought to give, but they share the time and strength of this woman with many other things as Junior C. E. Sunday Schools in two villages, with a weekly Sunday School teachers meeting. But I am very well; am glad and grateful to be able to report this; for indeed have I been taught that "as thy day so thy strength shall be." Mrs Dewey & her daughter have been away for some weeks in the mountain region near Mudyat & report a happy pleasant time - Of course some things fall to the share of us who are here, as music lessons, and with Mrs. Thom also away we are again a small circle.

An industrial work under the supervision of Mrs. Emrich has been started by the station, and there are about sixty doing, and learning to do, needle lace & drawn work. It will help to make the winter less hard for some few families we hope. I fear there will be much suffering for many, many can not get enough stores of wheat alone to last for the winter. It is three times the usual price, and as the hail and

cloudburst of last spring killed most of the olives a
figs ~~and~~ many grapevines, all those provisions are so much dear
than formerly so that people can find little to eat w
the bread, so hardly earned.

For the first time I am finding my salary inadequate
meet my needs. We are most of us owning only half an
animal, as provender is so high, twice what it was
years ago, yes even higher - Coal oil is seven at 77 p. a b
formerly we could get it for 50-55 a box, and anything o
from America almost doubles in value by the time it r
us; so we must learn to do without more and more that
were accustomed to get from the homeland.

There may be political changes any day if rumors are tr
and the Lord alone knows what will be the outcome. So w
must work while it is day; that is a reason why we are
ing every power to reach as many as we can. The people ar
ing and eager to come to the Sunday Schools started in
near villages and crowd in so that there is almost no s
ing room; the outward attraction is the folding organ;
we are sowing seed too - that shall not return unto
Gods void, and will be found "after many days" by the
too. Pray for us, pray much for us, for we are often too
to do it rightly - lay it upon the hearts of the dear sh
ing at home that this is the great service that
can render in the evangelization of the world. May g
be given to each and all, that we may be found faith

With greetings to Mrs Barton and yourself

I remain very truly yours

Johanna L. Graf

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Grief

Third Quarterly Letter - Mardin Station
July - September - 1906

To the lovers and friends of the Lord's work in Mesopotamia - Greeting.

This quarter includes the vacation season when there is usually less to report than during the days of driving work, but yet we have some items which may be of interest. The early days of July were full ones, for three members of the station were to leave for America and there were many things to be done ere Mrs. Thom could get away, and so the ladies of the station tried to do what they could to assist her. We bade her and Miss Steele and little Katherine Goodbye for the long journey on July 19th - when Doctor Thom and Miss Fenenga accompanied them as far as Diarbekir where the former visited the villages in that region. The rest of the station then betook themselves to the Garden for the summer rest and change so necessary with the incessant demands upon the strength & sympathy of the worker. On July 20th we had the pleasure of welcoming Pastor Habeeb Subhegah of Aleppo. He remained with our church and held services during the absence of our Pastor, away on a tour among the villages. Pastor Habeeb is an earnest spiritually minded man and left a very good impression and many friends on his return to Aleppo. He was invited to preach at the Syrian church of a near village.

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Third Quarterly Letter - Teaching Station
July - September - 1906

We have not finished of the book work in
Independence - Mission.
Perhaps readers the question some when there is
time to spend there during the days of training
it, but yet we have some items which may be of interest.
A week days of July were full ones, for three members
the station were to leave for Conference and there were
many things to be done so. We. Flow could get away, and
the leaving of the station fitted to be which they would be
not have the book to and then the Tell and Little Kate -
Monday to the long journey on July 1st - when Arthur
and Mrs. Thomas accompanied them as far as Jaisalmer
. The former visited the villages in that region. The
of the station then taken themselves to the Jodhpur
The former had and change to accompany with the
second Monday upon the strength a sympathy of the work
July 30th we had the pleasure of welcoming Sister Tilal
Singh of Jodhpur. It remained with us about and
a week during the absence of our Sister, away on a
our among the villages. Sister Tilal is an assured
intentally minded man and left a very good impression
and many friends on his return to Jodhpur. He was in
left to preach at the Christian church of a near village.

where several of our young people had kept up a Sunday School during all the hot days of the summer. The church in which he spoke is unfinished and it was a picturesque sight to see the people seated on the ground with the bare stone walls surrounding them while the blue sky arched over head. A similar crowd must have been the one listening to the Sermon on the mount. One of the sisters of the small Protestant community in the place had attempted to do some missionary work among the girls and had secured six or eight of them to learn to read. She went to the cave where the girls congregate with their spinning wheels and other work and teach them hymns and texts and the alphabet, but in a few days the street forbade the girls learning to read and their having anything to do with the Protestants, even going so far as to beat the boys who came to the Sunday School. The following Sunday they returned however and since the arrival of a folding Downer organ, his threats and restrictions have been of little avail for the boys as well as girls will climb over the wall in order to hear the "Musica" the first ever seen or heard by most of them.

On August 11th we were relieved to receive a telegram announcing the safe arrival of our party going to America, at Beirout. Subsequent letters showed that

It had been a very hard tedious journey. The travellers had hoped to be able to take the newly finished railroad from Aleppo, but it was still too crude to admit ladies utilizing it.

Aug. 6. We lost one of the teachers of the Girls High School and the efficient Assistant Supt. of the Cong. E. Society, who became the wife of Preacher Gerabet stationed at Hassan Kaif, an ancient town on the Tigris.

A few days later we had the pleasure of welcoming back M. Raheel Mesood who had spent a year at Beirut studying so that she might fit herself for still more efficient service in the Girls High School.

But many days after we sorrowfully parted from M. Selma the gentle faithful teacher of the girls school in the city. She was going to her brothers home, three days away, stricken with the "white man's plague" - full hope that the change might be beneficial to her. But we knowing only too well that her days were few. She had been most earnest in her personal work with her pupils, and had had the joy of seeing all boldly their allegiance to the Savior, ere she laid down her work soon after New Year.

August 15th the city schools had their closing exercises, and small prizes were distributed those having the highest marks, and those most regular in attendance. The teacher of the boys school had

taken great paine, and the chapel was well filled with admiring relatives and friends, not a few of them Syrians, among them several priests. The teacher has been elected to teach in the school at the Monastery an hour from here, and we hope his influence may be altogether for good.

On August 28 the new Patriarch of the Jacobite community was consecrated at the See in Kalaat el Murra, the above Monastery, but the ceremony did not pass of as harmoniously or solemnly as might be wished, and the ever ready soldiers had to restore order after a melee when the Patriarchal chair was broken by the rude handling of those striving for the honor of carrying "his Holiness".

On Sept. 19 the schools wheels began to turn again the boys High School not quite so full as last year because some who had been attending the Preparatory department had entered the above mentioned Syrian school. The Kindergarten is greatly handicapped by the loss of our head teacher who went to Egypt. Her place will not easily be filled.

The "emigrant fever" has struck our region now, and we are saddened to hear of the many who are to leave this fall. The new railroad is drawing the laboring classes, while the unmerciful demands for excessive taxes drive others to seek other climes. Do remember us in your prayers at this time of discouragement.

Respectfully in behalf of
Station J. L. Graf.

Miss A. E. Hall

JUN 5 1900
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Diarbekir
april 1900

Dear Dr. Barton

It was with the greatest pleas-
ure I received your kind letter.
I have heard so much about you & heard so many
of your letters & also letters from Mrs. Barton
that I seem to know you & Mrs. Barton & your
children & everyone loves you here..
I told Badvelli Hagop that I was just going
to write to you & he said "give him my
salaams"
You will see that I am in Diarbekir, we
have two orphanages here & the children
are all supported in England & their
supporters want to know everything
about them, if they are healthy & good
how they are progressing in school etc

so I am taking each orphan seperately & am writing a little account of each child, then I will write a general letter to be copied & sent to each supporter & I am having photographs taken also. I had a very pretty picture taken yesterday of four of our little orphans & if it arrives before the post goes, I will enclose one, I tried to arrange the children less stiffly, I am not exactly pleased with it but it is better than standing stiffly in a row with a book in each of their hands.

The dear Barnums started off on their journey a week ago, I am so glad they are having a change though Stafpoot will feel very vacant without them & I shall be very much relieved when I hear of their returning. Dr Barnum is old & shows it though he keeps the reins in his hand with a great strength & though he is old all the station come to him for advice & it is

always ready & quietly given, Emma needs a thorough change & I believe will be all right then though now she is far from well, all this last year, she has had rest but it has had no marked change, she wants change & rest, & I know Dr. Barnum too, will come back a different woman.

Here in Diarbekir it is warm & bright like summer.

I came by Araba this journey so I have no horse to go off riding on but I get plenty of exercise going about from house to house.

I thoroughly enjoy my work & I find plenty to do & I find I have to study Armenian as a sort of relaxation from my other work.

With kindest regards

I remain

Yours sincerely

A. E. Hall

Harpoot
31st July 1902

SEP 2 1902

Dear Dr Barton

It was very kind of you in your busy life to take the time to write me a welcome to Harpoot. I wish to thank you very heartily for it makes me feel more than ever that I am one of yourselves.

I love my work here & it would have come very hard to me to have to give it up & I was very glad I was able to come out here again.

I shall be very glad when something is settled about the Presidency of the College. Mr Barnum is old & feeble, Mrs Barnum is not well & they both lean on Emma who is very glad to say well & strong & able to do the largest share of the school work for her father.

We have had an exceptionally cool summer

Stanford
31st July 1902

SEP 9 1902

Dear Mr. Fowler

I have your friend Mr. Jones in my
mind & I do the kind I wish me a well.
me & therefore I wish to thank you very
kindly for it makes me feel more than
ever that I am one of yourselves.
Give my work fair & it would have been
a great deal more so if I had
been very ofad here only I have felt
a duty.

Well to my plan which something is
like one of the Lunchers of the College
Commencement Club. Mr. Commencement
well & they left him on Commencement
one day & I may well stand & die & do
I want those of the Labor work for
further.

Have had an unfortunately wet summer

every night a cool breeze springs up & it is
so refreshing after the hot day.

I expect you hear all the station news from
the others.

We are now all settled at the garden though
must go into the city every day & come out in
time for dinner, we are all very thankful for
the garden house.

With kindest regards

I remain

yours truly

A. E. Hall.

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Mr & Mrs Wheelock

Aunt Carrie

Aunt Kate

Harpoot
Turkey in Asia
10th August 1904

My dear Friends

Ever since August began we have had cool delightful days & nights cooler still, in July we had some exceptionally hot days but ever since August arrived the weather has changed, I am hoping it will continue until the end of the month for our coming travellers.

No one has gone to the Lake this year no one except Mr. Knapp was enthusiastic about it, so it was given up one reason being that the Germans have gone there in numbers taking with them 10 or 12 Armenian Sailor boys, just near Mr. Knapp's favorite tenting place & when you go to the Lake you go for peace &

quiet. The Haabs are there with Mr. Geiss the French Consul.
Sister Christiana who is so sick is also there, Mr. Haab wrote to Emma saying there were 6 there now who could speak Danish.
We received a letter from Dr. Horton from Bitlis saying there were about 5000 to 6000 Armenians massacred there in the villages round, I mean.
A great many Armenians are going to America from round about us, they can get Teskeris for £18, Bent Hagop is hoping to get away, I never never can blame them they can never do any good here, they are hampered in every way, they may be able to do something in any other country but not in their own.
Mr. Young is much better but not quite well, he goes down to Meyerch most every day in an Araba & fills both his own & Dr. Horton's place, the duties of either

are not onerous but Mr. Young is not a lazy man & like Dr. Norton he makes work & he also studies Turkish takes lessons from Prof: Senekejian, he came up from Mezreh the other day & told me he had now in Mezreh a colony of 12 British subjects they were Hindoos, two horse dealers with two wives apiece & five children between them, another desperate man who knew a few words of English said he was a "Tourist" he was in rags & tatters, he had had all his money & passport stolen from him by some "Devil worshippers" & had barely escaped with his life, he was walking to Mecca, he had already been 11 months on the road.

Our new Lecture Hall is going up very quickly, the frame work is almost all finished, it stands out as a tremendous skeleton as you approach the city, Mr. Carey hopes to have it finished by Autumn,

You know of course that we have a
garden for our orphans, this year
house had to be rebuilt as the o
boys themselves did the principal
work, it got done rather slowly &
was only barely ready ten days ag
for the first installment of 9 girls
Aghavni V: is with them & so is
Arosiag V: who gives lessons to
backward ones in the morning, al
all weak in Arithmetic, 30 of the
return to the city to-day & another
company come out, the garden is a
side & higher up than the Bennaran
garden.
I am at present very much interested
very busy in trying to exterminate
Bed bugs at the two upper orphanages
P. Leah's & Badarkans, I am going to ha
the middle room a rather Hall at P.
Badarkans & every board is being tak
up there & plaster torn down & it mak

except for the ceiling a perfectly new room, it is a pleasant room with a window that stands out so that I can see all round & have plenty of sun. I am going to try to clean the rest of the house too, I am going to use <u>everything</u> I hear about so please send along all receipts.

I shall go up there directly after breakfast & stay till dinner, Mr. Knapp is going to have a road fixed from Avedis' house to the Upper Orphanage to make it easier going backwards & forth, I beg that you will remember me & pray for me that I may be able to influence these girls for good, there will be about 140 girls there. I hope Aghavni V: will stay, Mr. Mooteveliam in Trabekir has asked for her for his brother through Bed: Hagop, we do not know what they will decide yet; Bautabedian the joiner is going

to America to get machinery etc & to return here again & he speaks too about taking Aghavni with him. He's a chief.
Mr Inelcone arrived safely with Aunt Hattie & Miss Wilson at Samsoun but beyond that they had to go without him, he had to wait for a Turkish steamer & I am sure he stayed there about a week, we only received the telegram yesterday saying he had reached Constan.le his family were getting quite anxious & they quite dreaded the sea voyage!! for him, I went to the orphan garden yesterday afternoon & then walked over to see them & they were quite troubled.
I saw Elmas Kaghochyan & she was quite down in the mouth for she had not been asked to teach in the school & I don't think had been asked to teach anywhere though I think Bad. Stepan is hunting round for a teacher for the Gregor at Diarbekir.

I think there are 4 young men from Corfu & two from Cintab coming in the Theological class this next Autumn Have I told you that Fred will be married on the 3rd of September to Miss Jean Gregory & will live in Stanford near London. My Aunt Helen from Newfoundland will be home, I would love to fly home in that event; how jolly it would be. She is to be married in a dress the colour of moonshine, grey a shimmery & a white hat; she is very pretty & tall, stately, dark with a rich colour & beautiful eyes & a sweet expression we all love her very much, they will be married in the Church, (Church of England)

With very much love to one & all of you

I remain

yours sincerely & lovingly

Ada E. Hall

Rec'd DEC 7 1908

A. E. Harper

Harpoot, Turkey in Asia.

Nov. 11 1908

Dr. James L.Barton

Boston Mass.

Dear sir:-

This is the first opportunity I have had of writing to you since arriving in Turkey. I want to assure you that Iam thoroughly enjoying my work here. As I am continually finding new interest and new opportunities in my work here, I am repeating over and over again what I said to some of my friend when I first came here,"If more college men in America knew the opportunities of development for themselves and help to a great nation thatneeds help,by becoming tutors in Turkey, you would be over run with application for positions as tutors here". I find the students very much interested and anxious to learn. They go more than half way in giving one a chance to become acquainted with them, and yet there is a reserve which they maintain making one more anxious to become better acquainted with them and help them. Many of the men in my classes are the equals of the typical American college men, and sometimes when teaching my classes, I look about me and it would be impossible to persuade myself that Iam in Turkey were it not for little differences in the dress of the students. When, however, I go to the classes of some of the lower grades and see the boys who have come here for the first time, I wonder what it is which changes these boys into such admirable young men, now I see that it is the laying down of strict moral principals to live by and the constant introduction to the word of God as the true guide which has with a liberal education brought about this change. To stand before these young men and give them a message is an inspiration in itself, for one cannot help but feel that he is helping to build up a nation by leading ~~these~~ aright

these coming men of Turkey.

These are most interesting times to be living in Turkey. People who have lived under the old regime say that we new comers cannot understand the changed conditions of to-day, but we can, however, see that these people are like a people who have been in a stupor, and suddenly wakened are trying to understand what all these new things mean. As your article in the October number of the Missionary Herald showed so well, they were before in restraint, and they are now given the permission to do the very things that were refused them. As a result of this the Armenian people have suddenly stepped from a people rebellious to their government, to a people anxious to take their part in the building up of this new nation of Turkey.

The recent election of the three members of Parliament from this section has been attended with much interest. The day that the representatives left for Constantinople (Sat. Oct.24th), the faculty of the college received an official invitation to attend the celebration of the departure of these men for Constantinople. The faculty attended in a body and were cordially welcomed. There were about a thousand persons there and the men had a royal send off. There were several speeches, and those who understood Turkish said that the speeches were all very sensible and seemed to be in the right line.

These new conditions have brought with them new problems. This people who have been brought from almost slavery do not fully understand what real liberty is, and they are sometimes confusing license to do all that they desire, with liberty which gives equality to all. We find here an opportunity to help the nation for good citizenship goes along with good christianity. Although the change has been only for a short time yet we feel that there is more to appeal to of the real man in the students. This change has brought about a greater desire on the

part of the boys to study as they now see so many new channels open to the educated man.

Enclosed you will please find two pictures which I took. Number 1 is Galata, just beyond the bridge, with flags etc as it appeared then onr party was there. Number 2 is a picture of taken the day that the representatives from here left for Constantinople, and the check marks show the three representatives. If you desire to publish any of these you are welcome to do so. Mr. Knapp also sent a copy of No,2 to the Congregationalist with an article, so they might print it, but about that you can find from those people.

I want to thank you for the thorough preparations you made for my transportation to Harpoot, and assure you that it was [redacted] the means of making my journey most enjoyable.

Yours respectfully
Arthur E. Harper

JUN 21 1909

Harpoot, Turkey--In Asia.

May 24 1909.

Dr. James L. Barton,

Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

A few days ago I received a copy of your book from you entitled, "Daybreak in Turkey." I want to express my appreciation for the same. It was very kind of you to honor me with this gift. I had already begun to read Dr. Barnum's copy, but your gift makes it possible for me to have a copy of my own to read and study and mark. I know that because of the reading of it, I will be better able to work among those who, "have been preeminently the means and occasion for prosecuting missionary work" here. The book is most interesting and educational, and I hope it is having a very large sale for it will do much to increase knowledge of and enthusiasm for this country, at a time when it needs help so much.

It seems a great privilage to work in Turkey at this time. There is so much to appeal to in the young men, so many new opportunities open for them, and to all trained men and women, that I consider myself very fortunate in being here. I only wish I were more capable of accomplishing more with the ppssibilities before me.

In my English work I am constantly meeting opinions expressed by the students in their themes, which show very gratifyingly their real thought and purposes. These are not in every case just what we might wish they were, for after all they are still students, yet very often we do come across such expressions of though as are represented in a theme I received a few weeks ago. I made a copy of it at that time, and thinking that you would like to read such an expression, I am sending you a copy of it below. It is entitled,

" The Purpose of College Education.

As being students of Euphrates College, we owe many things to her. It is eight years that I am coming to college. I don't know for what inclination did my father send me here, while at that time I was a little boy of twelve years of, but I know this point very well. My father said to me,"My boy, go to college and be a man, have a good eduaation and a good character." Then I was very glad, for I would come to Euphrates College and being a student here, I was proud.

When my villagers saw that I was coming here, some said to my father, "You are fortunate, while your boy goes to a college whose students, graduates and teachers are very skillful and none better. In this state every one believes that Euphrates College prepares men for future and he who comes to college is respected from the people, so that many of them say, "If I had money to send my boy to college I would be a very lucky man."

This college has been noticable since a long time and before my saying her purpose, she has stood for it. If you ask some men the purpose of Euphrates College, they will answer you.

1-Euphrates College educated us, while we were uneducated.

2-She showed us the way of the truth, taught us the duties of a Christian and explained the Holy Bible.

3-Taught us to have a clean heart and a good character.

4-Taught us to have the greatest ideal of being a Man.

I know the purposes and I am coming here for these purposes, as my father said to me when sending me here,"Be a Man." "

In your letter of Dec. 17th, you suggest that I write to Mr. Kazanjian of New York. I will be very happy to do so and hope to find occasion to do so during the coming vacation.

Again thanking you for your favor,

Iam,

Yours respectfully,

Arthur E. Harper

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Aug. 31 1909.

Duplicate

Dr. James L. Barton, D.D.

Boston, Mass. U.S.A.

Dear Sir:-

Following the suggestion in your latter of Dec. 17th, I have written out a little report of what I did during the past year, and enclosed it with a little note to Mr. Kazanjian, of New York. I was very glad to do this and thank you for suggesting it to me. I am enclosing with this letter to you a copy of both my report and my note to Mr. Kazanjian, so that you can see just what I have written. Should you find use for any of the material in my report you are welcome to use it.

This coming year promises more opportunities than any year, I have ever contemplated. I hope that I may be able to accomplish much more than in the past year. I understand conditions better and believe I have the confidence of many of the students to help me.

The vacation is about over. Some one to-night defined a missionaries vacation as,"A time to accomplish things which we could not do during the rest of the year." I think that is a good one. Some of us did spend twelve days at Lake Geoljuk and had a delightful time tenting there, the remainder of the time doing this and that, and for some people as Mr. Carey, President Riggs etc, the "that" covered a great deal of work. I know considerable more about the Armenian language than I did when college closed, and I hope I am better able to teach English.

Thanking you for your kind interest in my work, I am,

Yours sincerely, Arthur Edwin Haxer

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Aug. 31 1909

Mr. Kazanjian,

21 Union Sq.

New York City, U.S.A.

Duplicate

Dear Sir:-

Though I am not personally acquainted with you, yet it seems that I should know you for I am constantly using money that comes from you. I want to take this opportunity to thank you for making it possible that I could come to Turkey for a few years and devote at least a part of my life in returning to others some of the benefits I have received while gaining my education in America. I hope I shall be able to help these boys here, and make their outlook upon life a little broader and brighter for having been here.

Hoping that these new reforms may take more definite shape for the righteous development of the "New Turkey", and that the Armenians will enjoy a new life in Turkey,

Iam,

Yours sincerely,

Lake Gyöljenk
Aug. 8. 1900

Dear Circle at Harpoot,

As Theresa & Ada are writing you notes there is really nothing for me to say. The government at Mezereh sent another zaptieh with Shaban on account of Mevlud and his work. The second zaptieh is also a Kurd. He worked five years for an English consul in Constantinople. He is lazy but is hustling round this morning. Since we have so many men Bedros will not come. We came here at a very slow pace and stopped so much that it was 6.15 when we reached the lake. All the ladies, especially Ada, are more or less used up with lame waists. The ride was an easy one & the road good, but they all ride those abominable side-saddles. We are camped on a hill 150

or 200 feet above the lake. It is going to be hot in the daytime but it satisfies all the other necessary conditions.

Yours lovingly

Ellsworth Huntington.

Harpoot, Turkey
Sept. 19. 1905

Dear Emma,-

Many thanks for your birthday remembrance. What a girl you are for taking thought for every body! I like the card and the picture very much. I told Theresa to see to it that no one got up any celebration for my birthday this year, but she did not really put her mind to the matter and Mrs Browne invited us all there Monday evening. After prayers we had chocolate and then several of the company read. Mrs. Gates read Wee Willie Winkie most effectively, Mary read one of the best parts of Helen's Babies, and Ada gave us some illustrated selections from Alice thro the Looking Glass. You would have laughed to see Tweedledum & Tweedledee with their armor

of pots and pans and kettles. Moore made a splendid Hatter, and Addison and Winifred were the Red King and the White Queen. I never realized before what a remarkably humorous book that is. Most of us read it as children but we ought to read it again.

Mr. Knapp and I have been off on another trip which makes my journeyings for the summer amount to four weeks. Mr. Knapp has told you about the real missionary part and only "worldly" matters are left to me. One thing, however, I must say. On this trip we found some Armenians at Baghin who are even more ignorant than those I saw two months ago in Shiro. Except in name they were genuine heathen. The number of Armenian villages around Peri and their great need

impressed me more than I can tell. Just think of it! Eighty villages in the one Kaza of Charsanjak where so-called Christians live. Out of those eighty we have work only in Haresig. In two others Pashank and Sorag there is a single Protestant family; possibly a few have ignorant priests. The remaining sixty are entirely uncared for. Of course the villages are small but Charsanjak is only one out of many kazas, and beside the Armenians there are the multitudes of Turks and Kurds. I like the latter in spite of their lawlessness. Their villages interest me and I want to see more of the real Asiatics. Did you ever visit Haresig? It is worth visiting just for the sake of seeing the feudal system in full operation. The great house of the Lord with a sort of magnificence yet after all rather forlorn according to our ideas, the dirty courtyard with a score of mangers around the walls, horses tied

here and there and hens, doves, partridges and turkeys scratching in the dirt, the numerous retainers working or seeming to work around the house, the field hands bringing in sacks of grain to the great man's granaries, the beg himself who rises in bed till the middle of the morning while his serfs toil from dawn till dark and are even made to turn the winnowing machine all night. These things must very closely resemble our own old feudal system. At one house where we stayed the roof was surrounded by a wall which was pierced for guns.

The different stages of civilization that we see here are an interesting study. We see the nomadic or patriarchal system, the clan or tribal system, the feudal system and absolute monarchy. It is a marvel that the Turks are able to govern such a heterogeneous conglomerate,

In every way this trip was a success. The geological and geographical results exist in my notebook but need a great deal of work to make them available. The archaeological results can be displayed at once. At Baghin ~~six~~ hours east, north-east of Peri and four hours from Palu we made our best find. It was a Khaldi castle similar to that at Palu. It has a tunnel leading up from the Peri river, some caves and many rock hewn steps. Its chief characteristic is three wide terraces and a flat top all cut out of the solid rock. On each of the four platforms are two rock-hewn cisterns, pearshaped and nearly 20 feet deep by 10 or 12 feet in diameter. Such a castle could withstand a very long siege. In a wall of later date is a black basalt slab with a cuneiform Khaldi inscription belonging to the time when the castle was made. In the half ruined church is another larger and

better preserved block. It is inscribed on both sides but unfortunately the inner side is concealed within the masonry. We copied the inscription on both blocks and tried to get a squeegee of the larger one.

Baghin is also noted for its hot springs. In old times it must have been a large place judging from the extent of the ruins. We visited Mazgerd & there also found interesting ruins part of which had not been examined by foreigners before.

I hope you will get well acquainted with my brother George. We are all anxious for your return as a family.

Yours sincerely

Ellsworth Huntington

Mr. Ellsworth Huntington 258.

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Harpoot, Turkey
Jan 3. 1901.

Dear Mr. Barton;

I want to thank you nd Mrs. Barton for the pretty hristmas remembrance which you nt. It is very kind in you to member us all. Our Christmas assed off very pleasantly. All the ircle together with Prof. Norton and is dragoman collected at the ates' house where we had a tree.

Last Monday night, New Year's ve, our Junior boys gave a "hantess" hich they prepared that day after ey learned that the next day was be a holiday. I had quite enough it inasmuch as I went at 7 P.M.

and left at 1. A.M. When the boys served refreshments they had a new experience. They served the girl teachers and that too before the men were served. The poor boys felt very awkward as they thumped over the floor in their new stiff à la Frank shoes. I suppose the girls felt awkward too. After the latter left the boys relieved their feelings by pulling off their shoes, singing songs, playing games and performing athletic feats. The new year was ushered in by clapping of hands and a speech from Br. Mugerdich Vorperian. I tried to say a few words about the serious meaning of the New Year and we closed with prayer.

Our New Year's "at home" was

very successful. The people appreciated it and it was something that we have needed in order to draw missionaries and people closer together.

Please give my regards to Mrs. Barton. I have heard so much of her that she seems almost like an acquaintance. When I come home next summer I shall hope to really become acquainted with her.

Yours sincerely,
Ellsworth Huntington.

Mr. Ellsworth Huntington

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Harpoot, Turkey
Mar. 19. 1901

ear Dr. Barton,

Dr. Gates received a
tter from Mr. Davis last week in
hich he spoke of something that
n had said about my staying
re another year. There seems to
some misapprehension in the
atter. I do not intend to stay
re next year. The only circumstances
der which I should consent to
ay are in case Dr. Gates should
nd it absolutely impossible to stay
ere thro next year. My going or
aying has nothing to do with
hether anyone is found to take
y place. The extra year that I
ave stayed here has surely
llowed time enough for a successor

to be found. In order to be properly fitted for work here or somewhere else I ought to study four or five years. As I am now almost twenty-five years old it is time I began to study.

Please pardon me if I add a few words about reinforcements. It does not seem as tho the Prudential Committee realized the gravity of the situation here. Dr. Barnum is manifestly growing weaker from month to month. Dr. Gates must take a vacation very soon and we must have some one here to take his place. Personally I feel that he can probably do a greater work in Constantinople than here, and that after his vacation he ought to go there. Mr. Browne is far from strong and Mrs. Browne

is anxious to return to America at once. Of course you know all these things as well or better than I do. What I want to emphasize is the necessity that someone be sent here at once. It would not be surprising if within a year Mr. Knapp were the only one of the present male missionaries of Harpoot who still remained on the ground. I do not believe that it will come to that but it is highly probable that by the summer of 1902. only Mr. Browne and Mr. Knapp will remain of the present force. Two men ought to come this summer and at least one of them should be a man of some experience. The need is urgent.

In regard to myself I wish to add that if I am convinced that

it is my duty to remain in Har
I will stay. At present I do n
see that it is my duty and
neither wish nor intend to stay.

A few weeks ago in a letter
Mr. Gates you spoke of having
written to me by the same pos
The letter has not been received

Mr. Browne and Miss Bush
left today for Malatia. They exp
to be gone about a month if Mr.
Browne's health permits.

Yours sincerely,

Ellsworth Huntington

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C. E. SWETT.
RECD JUN 24 1901

Harpoot, Turkey
May 29. 1901

Mr. Chas E. Swett,
Boston,
Mass.

Dear Mr. Swett,

I have many times noticed the inaccuracy of the map of Turkey as given in the American Board Almanac and on the cloth wall map. Lately my attention has again been called to it. Such a map is not to our credit. I do not know who has charge of such matters and so write to you. Will you please bring the matter to the attention of the proper person.

I enclose a sketch map showing most of the Eastern Turkey Mission, and the map of the same cut from the last Am. Board Almanac. Please compare the two maps in regard to the shape of Lake Van and the course of the Euphrates river. Notice Tadvan northwest instead of northeast of Bitlis, Chermoog six miles instead of nearly forty from Diarbekir, Egin twenty miles from the

Euphrates instead of on it, Chemishgezek southwest instead of ~~southeast~~ northeast of the junction of the two branches of the Euphrates, Geghi fifty miles from where it ought to be &c &c &c Scarcely a place is correctly located. The location of places is not more at fault than the selection. Why is the little village of Melican with two or three Protestant houses inserted (in the wrong place) while the large town of Peri with a prosperous church and a settled pastor is wholly ignored? I might multiply examples almost indefinitely.

Cannot we have a new map? If there is no one in Boston who will make one without expense to the Board, I will undertake to do it, provided there is some assurance that it will be printed. If you want the map please let me know how much detail, mountains, rivers, &c, you wish included, and how many and what classes of towns. Unless I hear from you before the first of August I cannot make a map until January, probably.

I hope other countries have been treated

better than Turkey in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Ellsworth Huntington

P.S. If you wish me to make the map you had better send a complete list of the towns which should be located. They can easily be copied from the tabular views. Of course I know those of Harpoot.

Ellsworth Huntington

Harpoot, Turkey
Aug 8 1909.

Dear Mr. Strong,

In reply to your letter of June 25, I send you a map of the Eastern Turkey Mission Field. I hope you will be able to use it, altho it is not just the size that you mention. In order to get the whole field into a space 5¼" x 7½" it would have been necessary to reduce the scale of the map. That, as you know, is a long piece of work for which I have not time now. The map which I send will just about fill your space if reduced to ⅓ its present size. If you do not find this satisfactory I shall be glad to make another when I get back to America some three or more months from now.

Explanations and title have been omitted from the map with the thought that

Ellsworth Huntington

Harpoot, Turkey
Aug 8 1904

Dear Mr. Strong,

In reply to your letter of June 25, I send you a map of the Eastern Turkey Mission Field. I hope you will be able to see it, altho it is not what the size that you mention. In order to get the whole field into a space 5½" x 7½" it would have been necessary to reduce the scale of the map. That is you have there is a long piece of work for which I have not time now. The map which I send will give about the proportions of the country. If you do not find this satisfactory I shall be glad to make another when I get back to Aintab and have time to work on it.

Explorations are little here now outside your map with the thought that

it would be better for you to put them in. They are almost selfevident.

▬▬▭ = International boundaries.

- - - - = Boundaries of mission fields.

——— = Church.

I got back last week from a five weeks' journey and expect to start on another today. We do not know yet what will be done for the College. I have expressed my willingness to stay but the station think that I ought to go to America. Someone will be found without doubt.

Yours sincerely,

Ellsworth Huntington.

Address

Milton,

Mass.

U.S.A.

Miss Theresa L. Huntington

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Harpoot, Jan. 30, 1900.

My dear Dr. and Mrs. Barton,-

Whenever I lift my eyes to the upper shelf of my desk, and see the lovely little calendar which came there through your kindness, I feel reproached that I have not thanked you before. It is a great deal to remember with a gift each one of our large circle, and my brother and I feel especially grateful for being included, because we do not belong to the original circle as you remember

it.

You know the old custom of passing letters about for all to read. In this way I often hear Dr. Barton's letters and Mrs. Browne sometimes reads bits of yours aloud, Mrs. Barton. Then your pictures frequently greet me in various mission sitting-rooms. So I am becoming acquainted with you, by coming to Asia.

Doubtless Dr. Barnum and others give you the mission news. There are more hopeful signs now than I have seen at any other time since my coming. You know about the wonderful trans-

formations and reconciliations in Diarbekir. From Hussenik and other villages we hear encouraging things. We are thanking God that so many of our school-girls seem to be finding Him. Tomorrow is the Day of Prayer for Colleges. We have no regular lessons. We are hoping that Mrs. Ehrmann of Mezereh will give a talk to the girls. Another meeting for both boys and girls Dr. Gates will lead.

I have been glad to hear of Mrs. Barton's renewed health.

Most cordially yours,

Theresa L. Huntington.

Emily please send to Annie Allen

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Harpoot, Aug. 18, 1900.

Dear Mrs. Barnum,

We are back again from the lake, safe and sound and still wishing now and then to pop into the cool water there once more or to sleep under the stars again. We did have a good time, but Mary & Lenor had written all about it, for she used to get out her writing-paper faithfully every day & write something on her journal letter. She went rowing with the rest of us, but drew the line when it came to climbing mountains. Emma's account of her climb with Pastor Thomas & his boys made me think of Ellsworth's and my ascent of Hazar Baba, only we went more than three-fourths of the way by horse. We took

Shaban with us. The head of the Elephant is a "ziaret," and the stones were covered with the blood of the lambs sacrificed there. Turks, Koords and Armenians alike consider the place sacred, and made the sacrifices for sickness. On our way down the mountain we stopped at some Koordish tents where they gave us a royal feast of milk, bread, cheese, madgun and tahn. Everything was delicious. The milk was the best I have drunk in Turkey.

This reminds me that one morning while we were by the lake, we found the milk so much watered that all its taste was gone. When Boghos protested, on our behalf, to the Koord who brought the milk, the latter said, "We wanted you to

have the milk in a clean dish, so my wife washed it, and she must have left a little water in the bottom."

To come back to Harpoot, we were welcomed most heartily on our return. Ellsworth declares that he never before had such a reception on coming back from one of his trips. We found Winifred running about, but her leg is still somewhat stiff and swollen. Mr. Beaume hasn't gotten over his malaria yet & Dr. Gates is pretty well tired out. He is happy enough tonight, however, as the result of his interview with the Kaimakam and the other officials this morning. Of course he will tell you the particulars. Our hopes have risen and fallen so many times, that now when we are really to have the school we accept it as calmly as if it were only permission to

repair a wall.

The scarlet fever continues to spread. Pompish Badaskhan Jeneisian's third child, a little girl, has died from it. That is a blind sentence. I mean that only the one child has died. There has been no summer school at all. The disease is very prevalent in Ulezerh. Kapriel Varjabed was married last week, Mr. Knapp performing the ceremony and the elder Bujicanian enters the house of bondage next week. Br. Habib, Veniz and all the family started for America last week.

It rejoices our hearts to hear about your happy meeting with your three beloved Americans. There is just a possibility that my brother George who has just graduated from Williams will come out as a tutor to Robert College.

Always with love to you all,
Theresa L. Huntington.

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Milton, Mass.
November 3, 1905.

Ans'd NOV 6 1905

My dear Dr. Barton,—

Your very kind letter reached me yesterday when I returned from a visit in Cambridge, where I went to speak before the Young Ladies' Mission Band in Dr. McKenzie's church about Annie Tracy Riggs and the need of a hospital in Harpoot. They voted to give twenty-five dollars. Miss Lansing, an intimate freind of Mrs. Riggs suggested my coming.

I have wished to see you

Have you any material which I could read telling about the condition of Harpoot, so far as education is concerned, fifty years ago? Perhaps Miss Seymour will be better than any book, if I have a chance to talk to her next week. Would it be possible for me to have a copy of the last annual report of our station? Or have no copies been made and shall I need to come to the "Rooms" to read it?

Thank you for your kind words about my health. I seem to be very well now, though I become tired easily.

Cordially yours,

Theresa L. Huntington.

and thought of you each time that I have been to the Board Rooms, but the only time that I have been there since you return, I was unable to stop at your office.

It will give me much pleasure to see you and Mrs. Barton and to talk with you about Harpoot. I am sorry to hear that she is not well.

It seems queer that after seven years in Harpoot I am unable to answer some of the questions which people put to me about our work, especially the early work of the station.

Theresa L. Huntington

Milton, Mass. Nov. 3-1905.

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REC'D JAN 20 1906

My dear Dr. Barton,

When Miss Seymour visited us some two months ago she left this letter with me. I did not understand her to say that it was to be forwarded to anyone, but as I was rereading it recently, it seemed to me that it ought to be in your possession.

The question which Dr.

and it was quite unnecessary that I should comment upon the matter. There is nothing to be done now, I suppose.

I am sorry that my life does not bring me into touch with you more often, for you are a Hanfort missionary still -

Sincerely yours,

Theresa L. Huntington -

Ulilton.

Jan. 18, 1906.

Bamum brings up is a very difficult one. The Doctor does not seem to be satisfactory to the whole station, nor is he the man to establish a hospital and build up the medical work as it ought to be there. On the other hand he has committed no such fault that he could be justly sent away.

Really, my opinion was not asked upon this subject

Theresa L. Huntington

Tuttle-Chase. Jan. 18-1906.

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Rec'd JAN 24 1906

My dear Dr. Barton,-

I thank you for letting me read this letter. It contains some of the information which I wanted.

I am very glad that Mr. Riggs can write more hopefully and courageously of his own feeling regarding his work. He was physically worn out before.

Sincerely,

Theresa L. Huntington

Milton
Jan. 23rd.

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Milton-Mass. Jan. 23-1906.

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Rec'd MAR 24 1906

Ans'd MAR 24 1906

My dear Dr. Barton,-

I thank you for sending me the Ulimia Seaside Rest circular, though I do not think I shall be able to avail myself of its privileges.

I have just written a letter to the Woman's Board and want to tell you the same new about myself.-

soon be found, who can do the work far better than I ever did.

How blessed the news is which comes in these days from Diarbekir and other out-stations as well as from Harpoot!

Most sincerely yours,

Theresa L. Huntington.

Milton, Mass.
March 23, 1906

that I have given up my intention of returning to Harpoot, in order to be married to Mr. Charles Ziegler of Roxbury. I love Harpoot dearly, and all that it means, but under the circumstances, I believe that I should be making a mistake with my life if I went back.

I do hope and believe that another teacher will

Rec'd MAY 19 1906

My dear Dr. Barton,

Can you give me some information about Dr. Mikhael of Mezereh — the Turkish-speaking Armenian doctor, who studied at Aintab, I believe, and has been supporting Badr. Karmeh as an evangelist? I have asked Mr. Browne and he seems to know little or nothing of his early life.

I wish to know, if possible, where he came from and how he came to be a Protestant and

such an earnest Christian. I want to tell a little about him in a missionary talk which I am to give next Tuesday, but my knowledge concerns only the last eight years of his life. Any information which you could give me would be helpful.

Also can you tell me anything of the early life of Lama Serab, the teacher and preacher of Garmuri, who has recently died? He was in Mr. Browne's last Training Class. I want to know how the

man came to go to America, how long he stayed, how he became lame and anything more about his life.

Perhaps it is too much of an imposition to ask you to spend time in writing such things. I doubt very much whether you can answer more than one or two of the questions, anyway. If possible, I will come into your office on Monday to ask you in person.

Have you anyone in sight yet to take my place at Harpoot? I hope so.

Sincerely yours,

Theresa L. Huntington

Milton,
Mass.

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Rec'd JUN 21 1906

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Dr. James L. Barton,
Congregational House
Boston.

My dear Dr. Barton:-

Your letter of June first ought to have had a reply before this. I did not know until I received it that my resignation had not been presented to the Board. I sent my formal resignation to Miss Stanwood in March, supposing that it was sufficient to have it go before the Woman's Board. Is it necessary to send another such letter to

If it had not been for your encouragement and advice, I should never have gone in the first place.

Sincerely yours.

Theresa L. Huntington.

Wilton, Mass.
June 21, 1906.

the Prudential Committee of the American Board? I will do so, if you wish.

I cannot say how much the life in Turkey - the work and the friendships there have meant to my own life. It is a personal blessing to be a missionary. And as you say, when one has once given himself to that work, he can never really cease to be a missionary, wherever he is.

I thank you for your never-failing kindness and courtesy to me in our relation as Secretary and missionary.

Rec'd AUG 16 1906

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Milton, Aug. 15, 1906.

My dear Dr. Barton,-

You will find enclosed three letters of Dr. Barnum's, which, of course, you have already read. Please do not consider me entirely responsible for their late return to you. The oldest of the three reached me only four days ago.

I hope that this summer will bring you

some genuine rest and recreation.

Sincerely yours,

Theresa L. Huntington.